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He and I planned to die together

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The Northern Alps All-Mountain Traversal, in the world below, news of a "team accident" spreads. Among it, Mori Buntarou alone reaches the town, and begins to tell the full story of the mountain-hike to a detective. The final stage of the team's traversal, the avalanche disaster occuring at Mount Eboushi, Buntarou rescuing Niimi, and being alone and hopeless in a bivouac. Facing death, what is the time limit for how long they can carry on living!?

Even if the result is not what you expected, if you walk your path believing in each step at a time, that is a path that will lead somewhere.

That is something I believe.

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とりどりことり❶―❷……竹田エリ
秀吉でござる!!❶―❹……たなかかなこ
合法都市❶―❺……東條 仁
ヘタコイ❶―❺……中野純子
タイムスリッパー YUKIの跳時空❶―❸……野部利雄
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ローゼンメイデン❶―❷……PEACH-PIT
華麗なる食卓❶―㉚……ふなつ一輝
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アンダードッグ❶―❸……橋本以蔵／壬生ロビン
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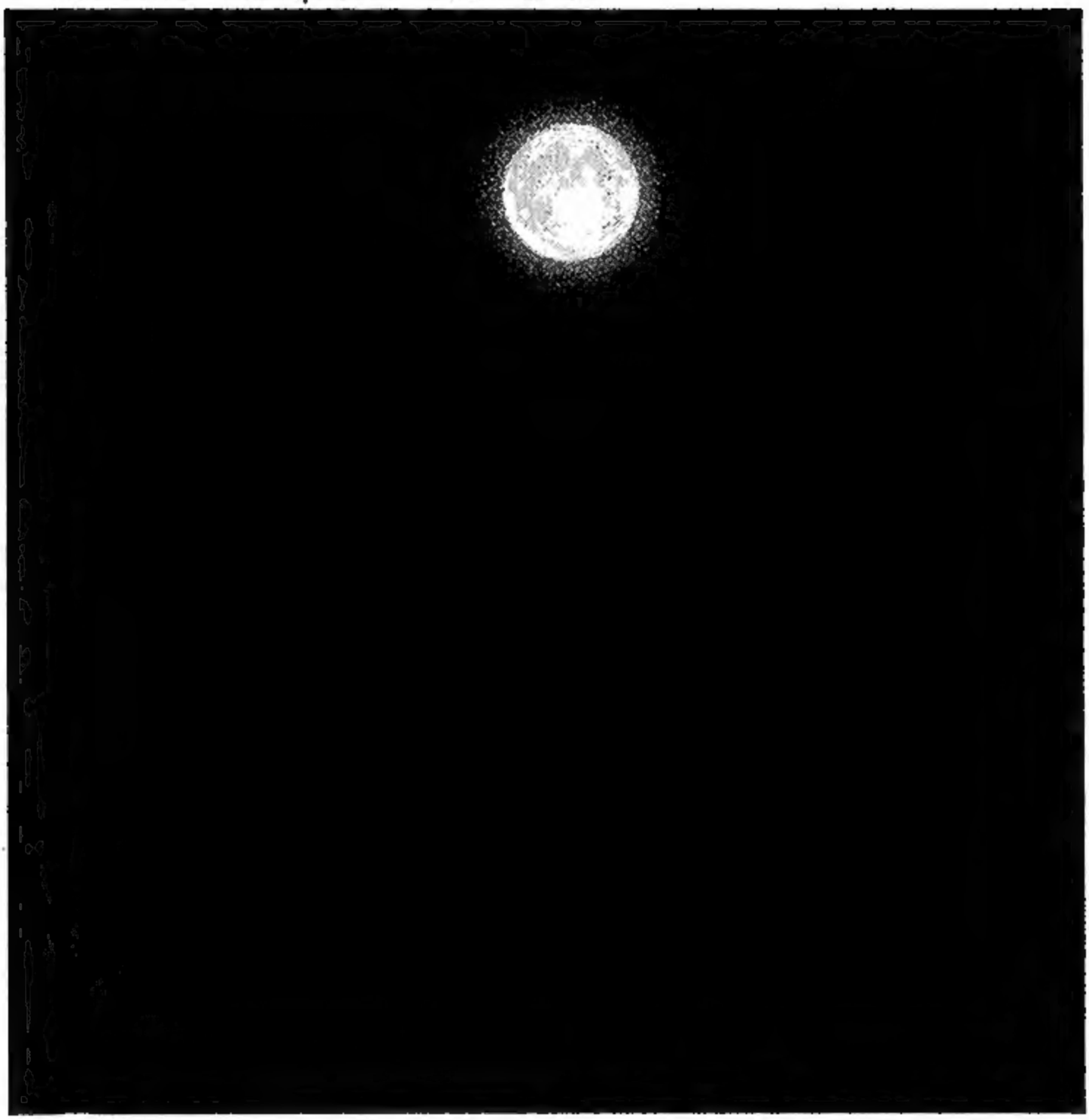

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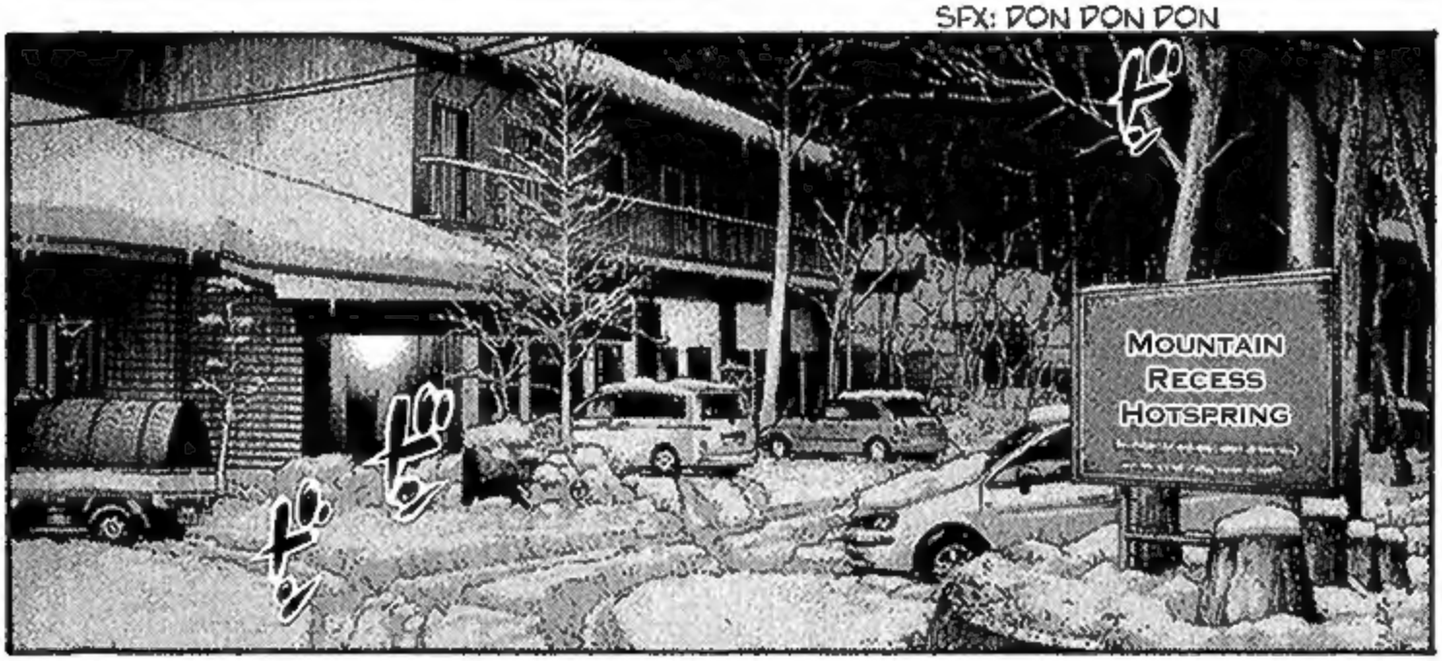

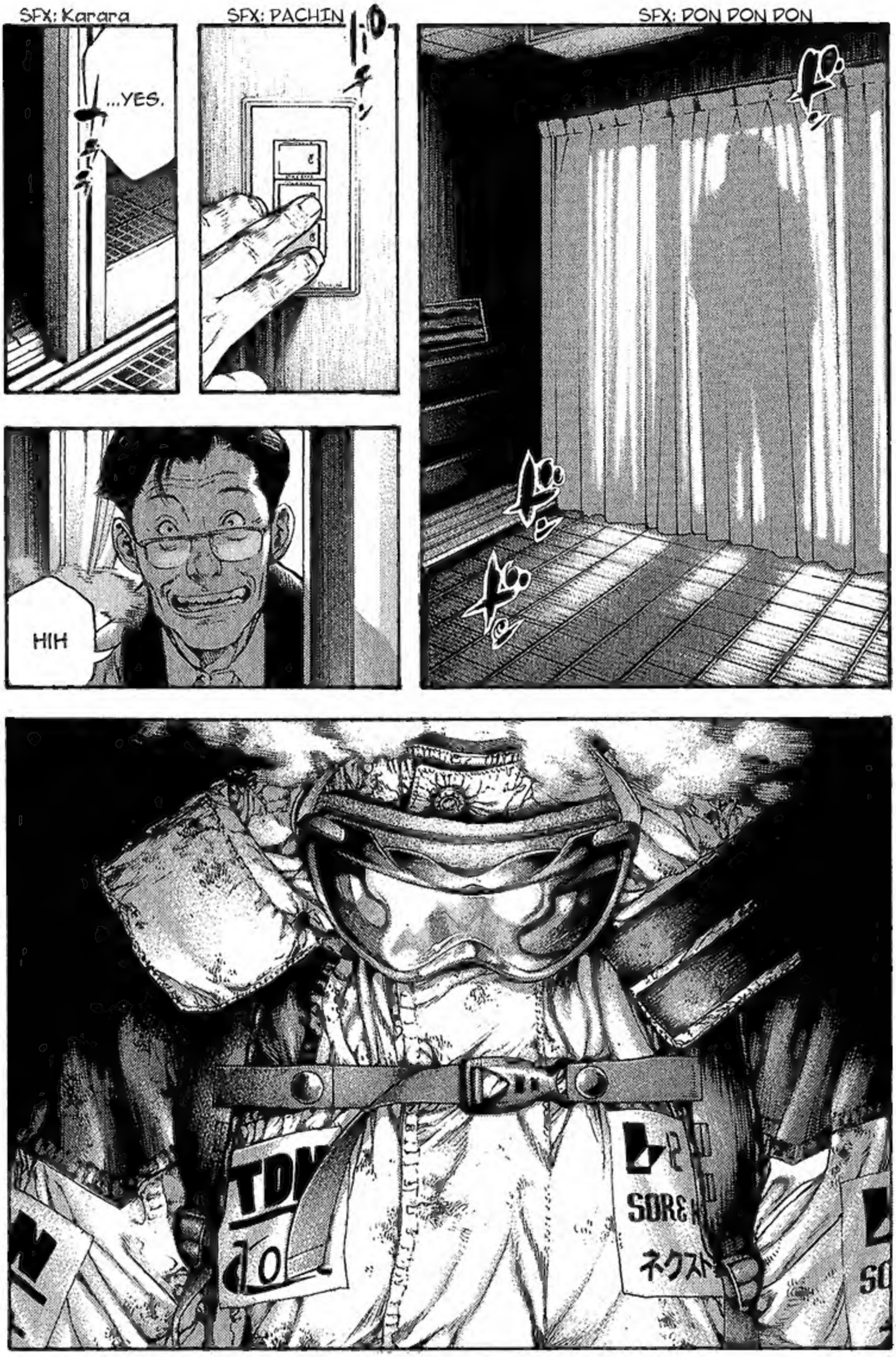
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...YES.
SFX: PACHIN
SFX: DON DON DON
HIH
TDN
SORE
ネクスト

73rd Climb - Guidepost of Ice and Snow

the follow-up report on the climbing team from whom contact had been cut off at the end of last year.

Moving on to the next topic of news.

The search for the remaining two people is still currently ongoing.

PLEASE EAT PROPERLY AND GO.

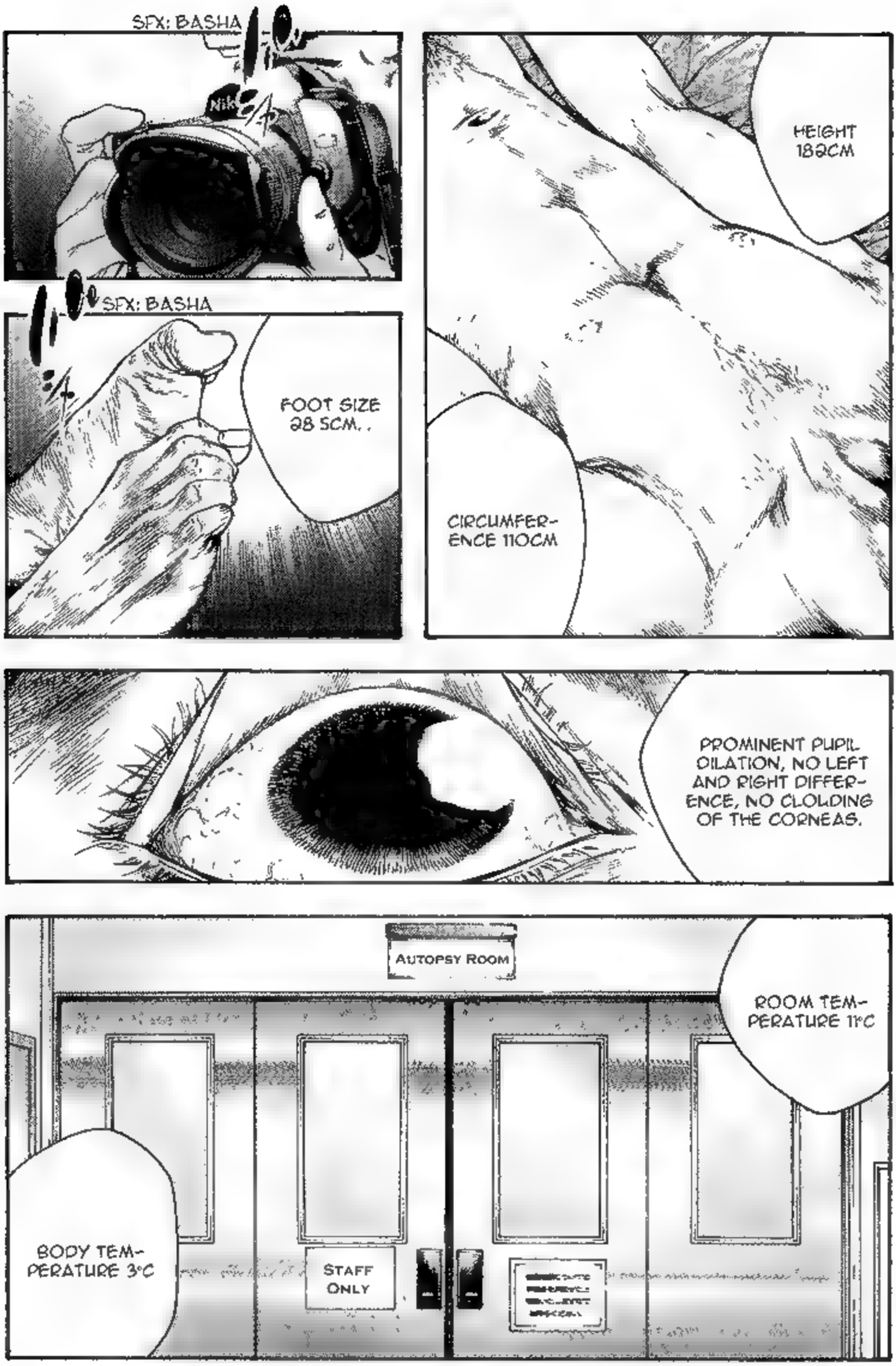
8:23

The corpse of what is thought to be a second team member has ben recovered at Ushiro Tateyama mountain range Kaerazu no Ken.

Early this morning it is reported that one team member, A male who descended the mountain on his own power has found shelter.

I'M GOIII

ONE CELLULAR PHONE
ONE FAMILY PHOTO.
THE CONTENTS ARE TWO 1000 YEN BILLS, ONE 500 YEN COIN, 2 100 YEN COINS...
ONE WALLET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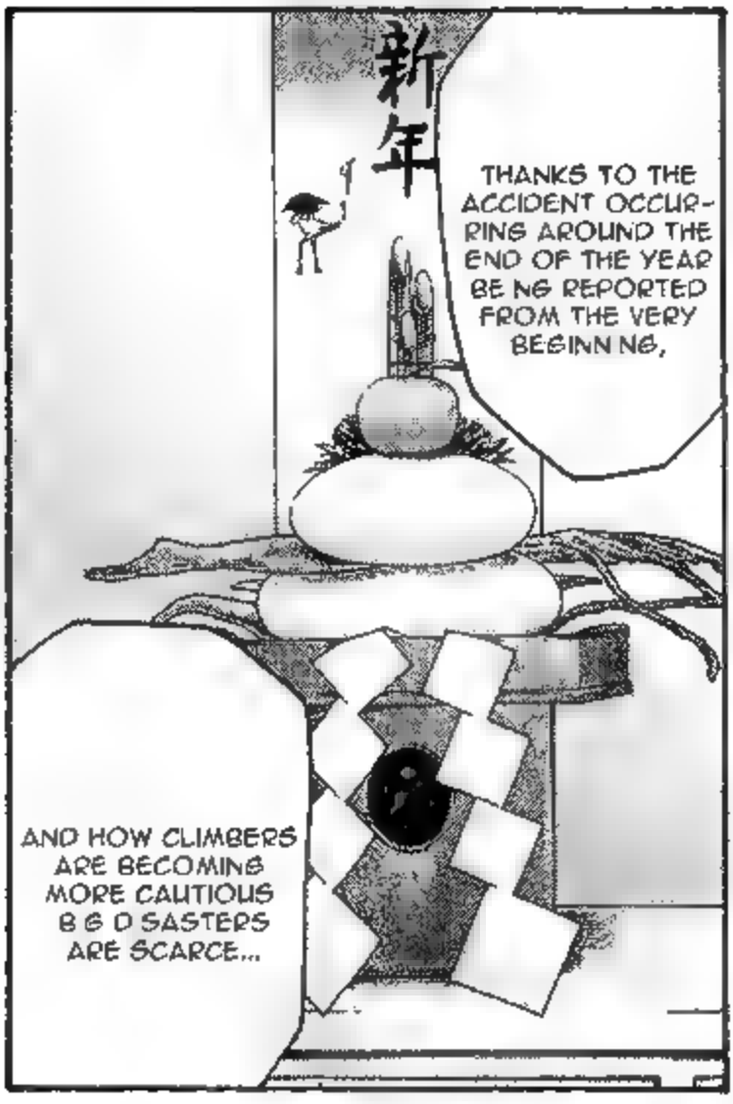
FOOT SIZE 28 SCM. .
HEIGHT 182CM
CIRCUMFERENCE 110CM
PROMINENT PUPIL DILATION, NO LEFT AND RIGHT DIFFERENCE, NO CLOUDING OF THE CORNEAS.
AUTOPSY ROOM
ROOM TEMPERATURE 11°C
BODY TEMPERATURE 3°C
STAFF ONLY


新年
THANKS TO THE ACCIDENT OCCURRING AROUND THE END OF THE YEAR BEING REPORTED FROM THE VERY BEGINNING,
AND HOW CLIMBERS ARE BECOMING MORE CAUTIOUS BIG DISASTERS ARE SCARCE...

COMMUNITY POLICE AFFAIRS DIVISION
THIS IS THE COMMUNITY POLICE AFFAIRS DIVISION.

WE STILL HAVE NO NEWS WE CAN REPORT.
PLEASE WAIT UNTIL THE INTERVIEW

SPEAKING OF WHICH, IS THAT SURVIVOR HERE YET?

FOR NEXT YEAR TOO, THE MEDIA IS GOING TO HANDLE THIS ACCIDENT IN A BIG WAY
IN THAT CASE, WE SHOULD BE A LITTLE DIRECT, TOO, AND SPEND THE NEW YEARS HOLIDAY ON IT.
YES, SIR.

HE WAS A TEMPORARY WORKER AT A WARE-HOUSING COMPANY, BUT AT THE END OF LAST YEAR THEY CLOSED DOWN, SO HE'S CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED.
HIS NAME IS MORI BUNTAROU AGE 20.

AFTER THE LODGE'S OWNER TREATED HIM TO WARM FOOD AND MISO SOUP, HE TOOK A NAP AND THIS MORNING ARRIVED HERE AT THE STATION.

YESTERDAY AT APPROXIMATELY 11AM HE ARRIVED AT THE "KYOUWAKAN" INN AT THE FOOT OF THE MOUNTAIN.

SAY, SHIMADA.

YES?

HE STILL IS SOMEWHAT FATIGUED.

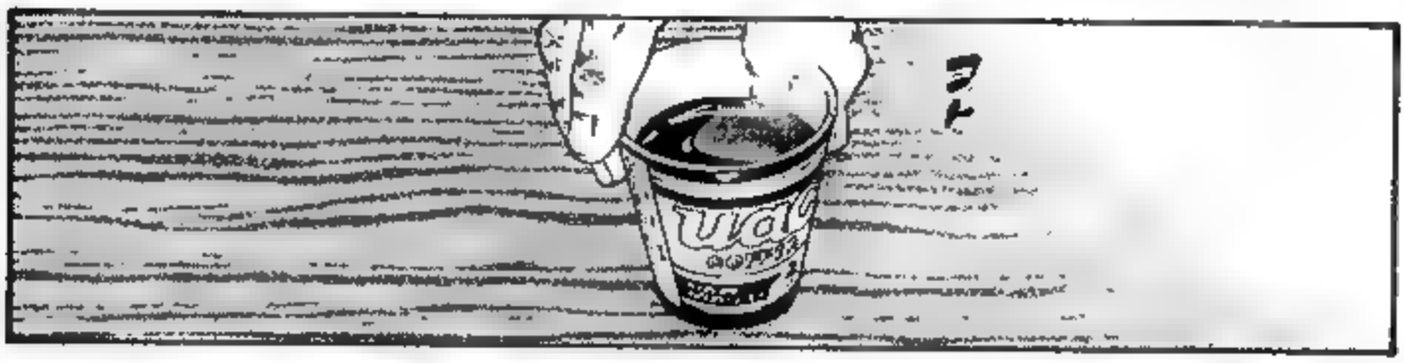
BUT HE'S IN GOOD PHYSICAL HEALTH.

WHY DO THEY CLIMB MOUNTAINS, REALLY?

I'VE BEEN ASSIGNED AT THE STATION HERE FOR OVER 30 YEARS.

I'VE SEEN QUITE A FEW MOUNTAINEERS, BUT

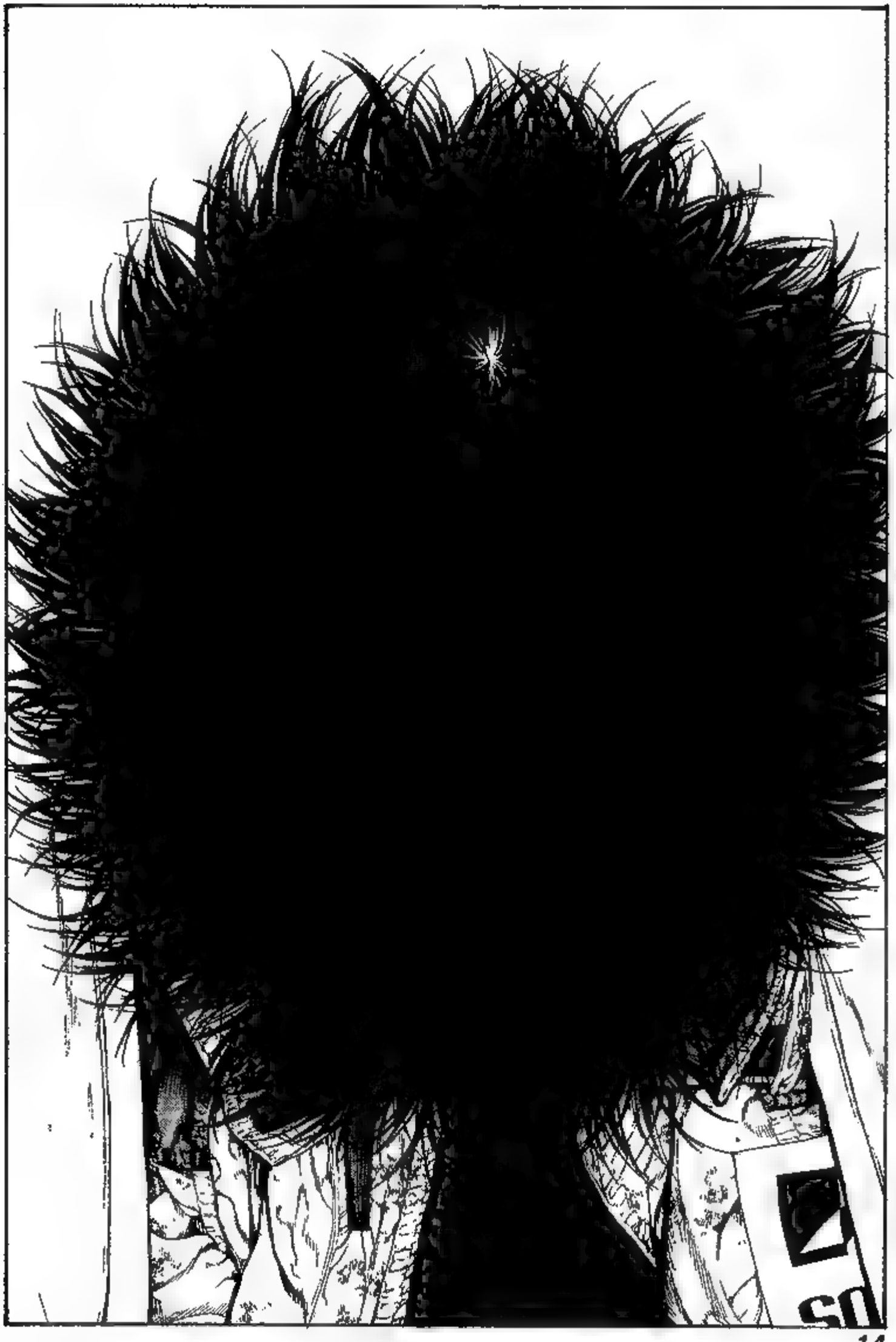
THEY DO IT DESPITE THE FACT THAT MOUNTAIN CLIMBING IS AN UNPRODUCTIVE AND MEANINGLESS ACT...
EVEN IF SOMEONE STEPS ON A MOUNTAIN, IT'S STILL A MOUNTAIN.
IT DOESN'T AFFECT US LIVING BELOW AT ALL.

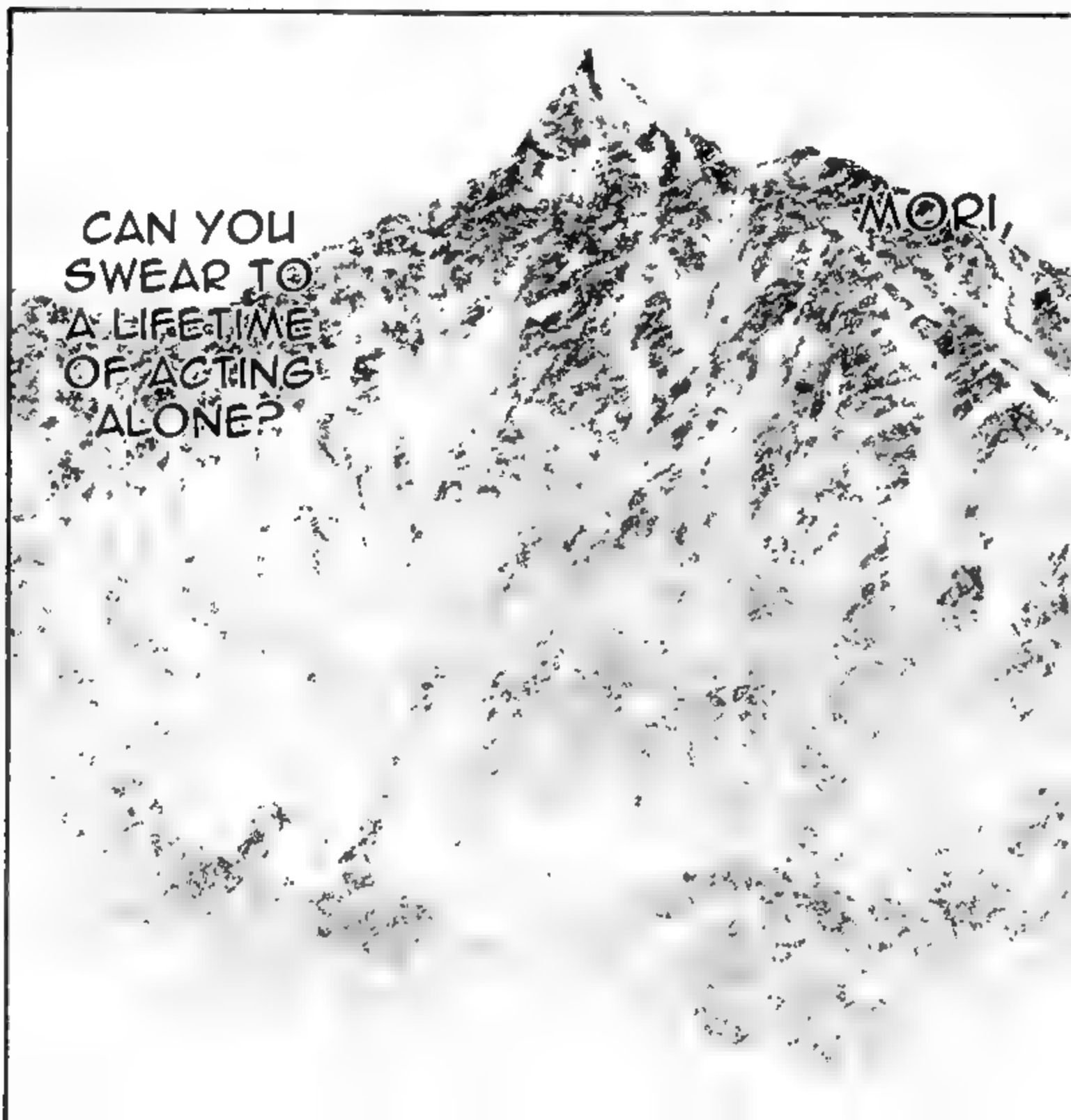


COULD YOU TELL US ALL THE DETAILS OF THE ACCIDENT?
NOW, AS WE SAID BEFORE,

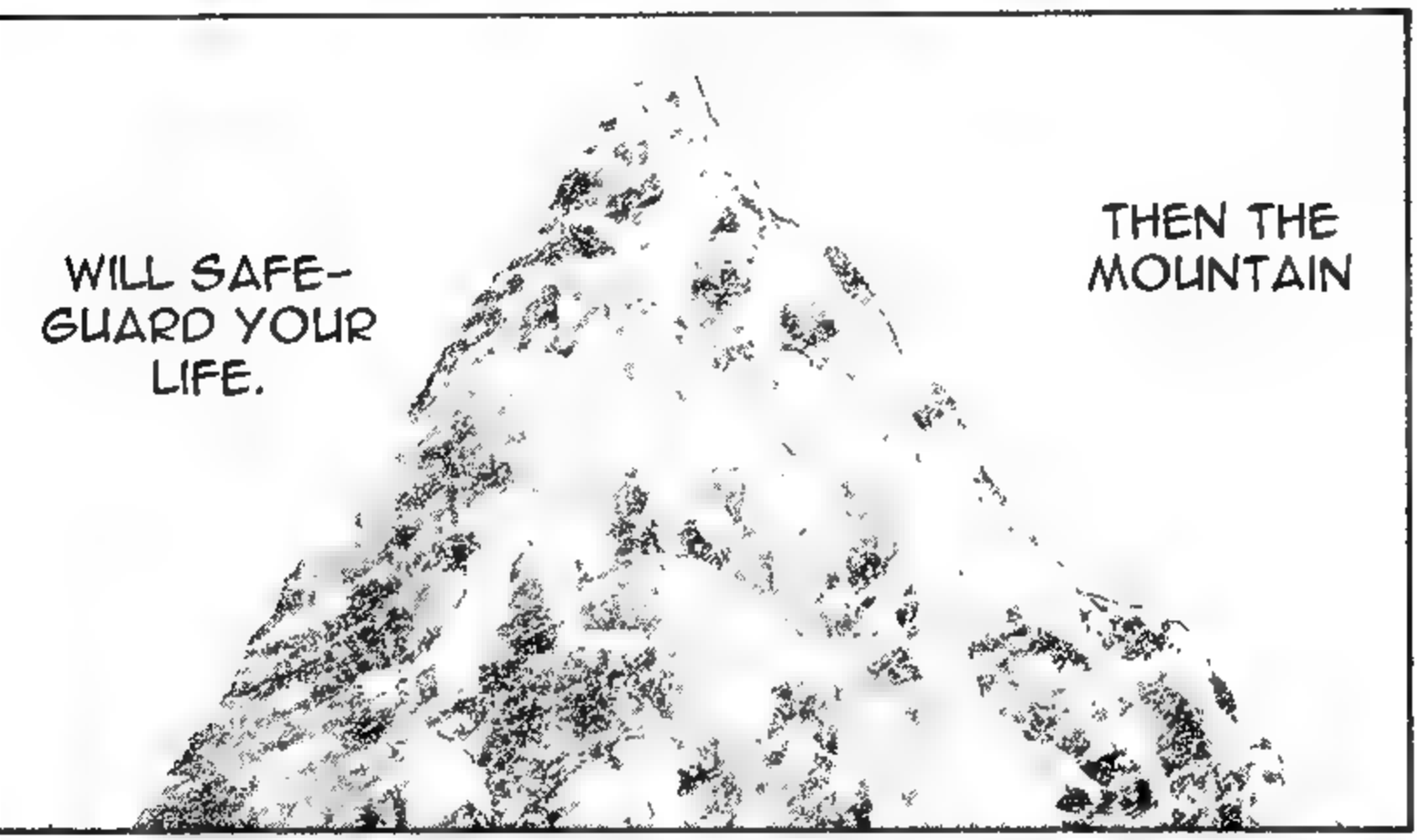
NICE TO MEET YOU, I'M OBANA FROM THE COMMUNITY POLICE AFFAIRS DIVISION
LET'S WARM UP

WE'RE ASKING TO TO TELL US ABOUT THE CIRCUM-STANCES OF THE DISAS-TER!!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT W TH THAT? THIS IS FOR YOUR SAKE!!
IF YOU DON'T SHED LIGHT ON THE UNKNOWN EVENTS, THEN YOU MIGHT BE SUED BY THE BEREAVED FAMILIES ..
MORI-SA-
SHI-MADA.
MORI-KUN.
YOU'RE ALL ALONE NOW, AREN'T YOU?




CAN YOU SWEAR TO A LIFETIME OF ACTING ALONE?
MORI,

I SWEAR.


WILL SAFE-GUARD YOUR LIFE.
THEN THE MOUNTAIN

BUT MORI,

IF YOU WERE TO BREAK THIS PROMISE,
THE MOUNTAIN CANNOT TAKE RESPONSIBIL-ITY FOR YOUR LIFE.

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ALONE-

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I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ALONE

OUTSIDE THE 3 DAYS I WAS WITH HIM...

BY "HIM" YOU MEAN NIMI-KUN ?

FROM DECEMBER 27TH TO THE EARLY DAWN OF THE 30TH

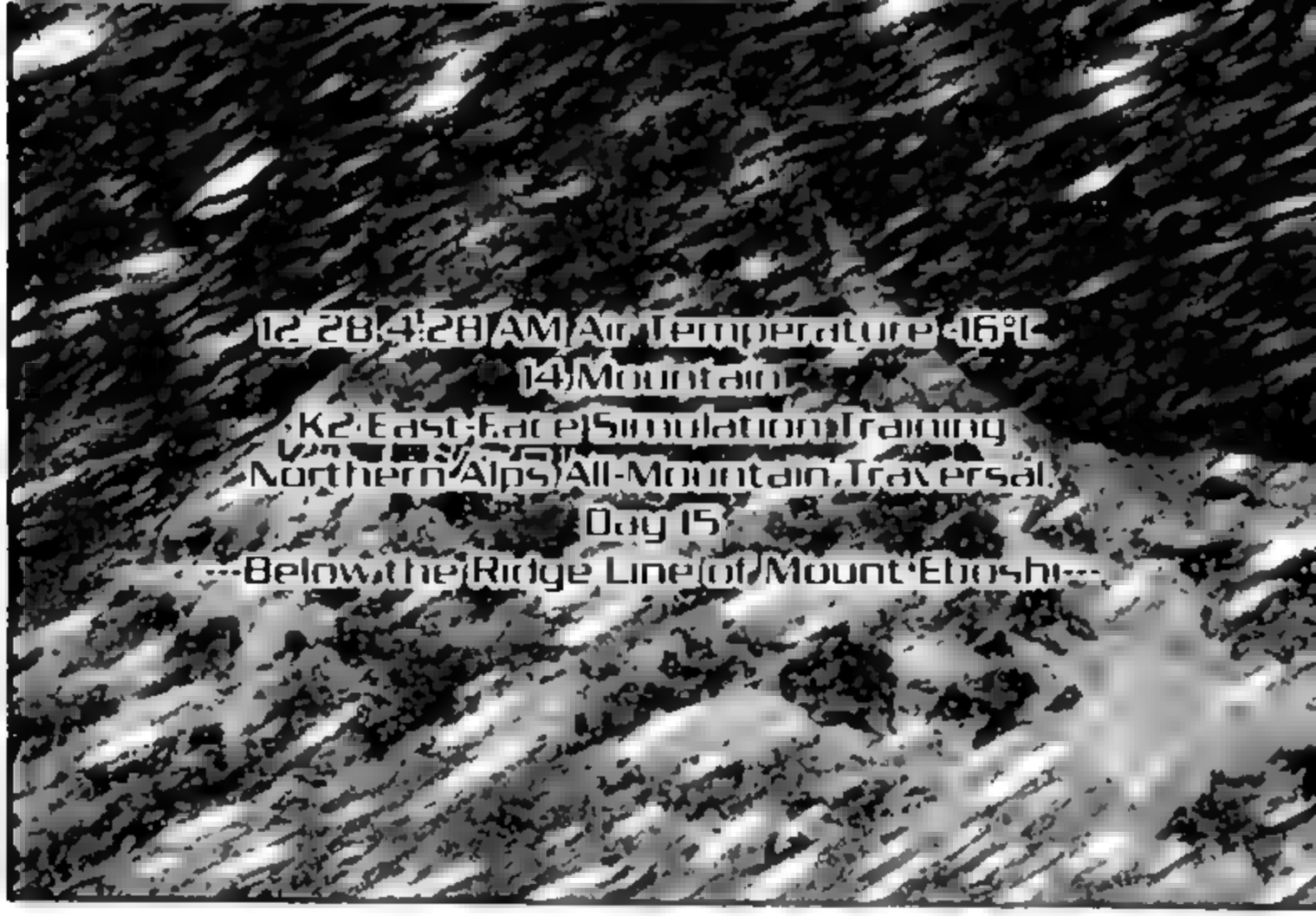
BELOW MOUNT EBOSHI'S RIDGE LINE...

WITH HIM INJURED AND UNABLE TO MOVE, I STAYED BESIDE HIM...

74TH CLIMB DYING HOPE

INSIDE THAT BLIZZARD

HE AND I PLANNED TO DIE TOGETHER.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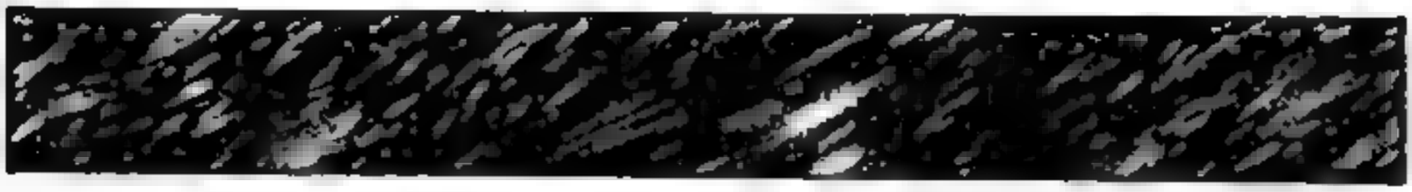
Northern Alps All-Mountain Traversal
Day 15
---Below the Ridge Line of Mount Eboshi---



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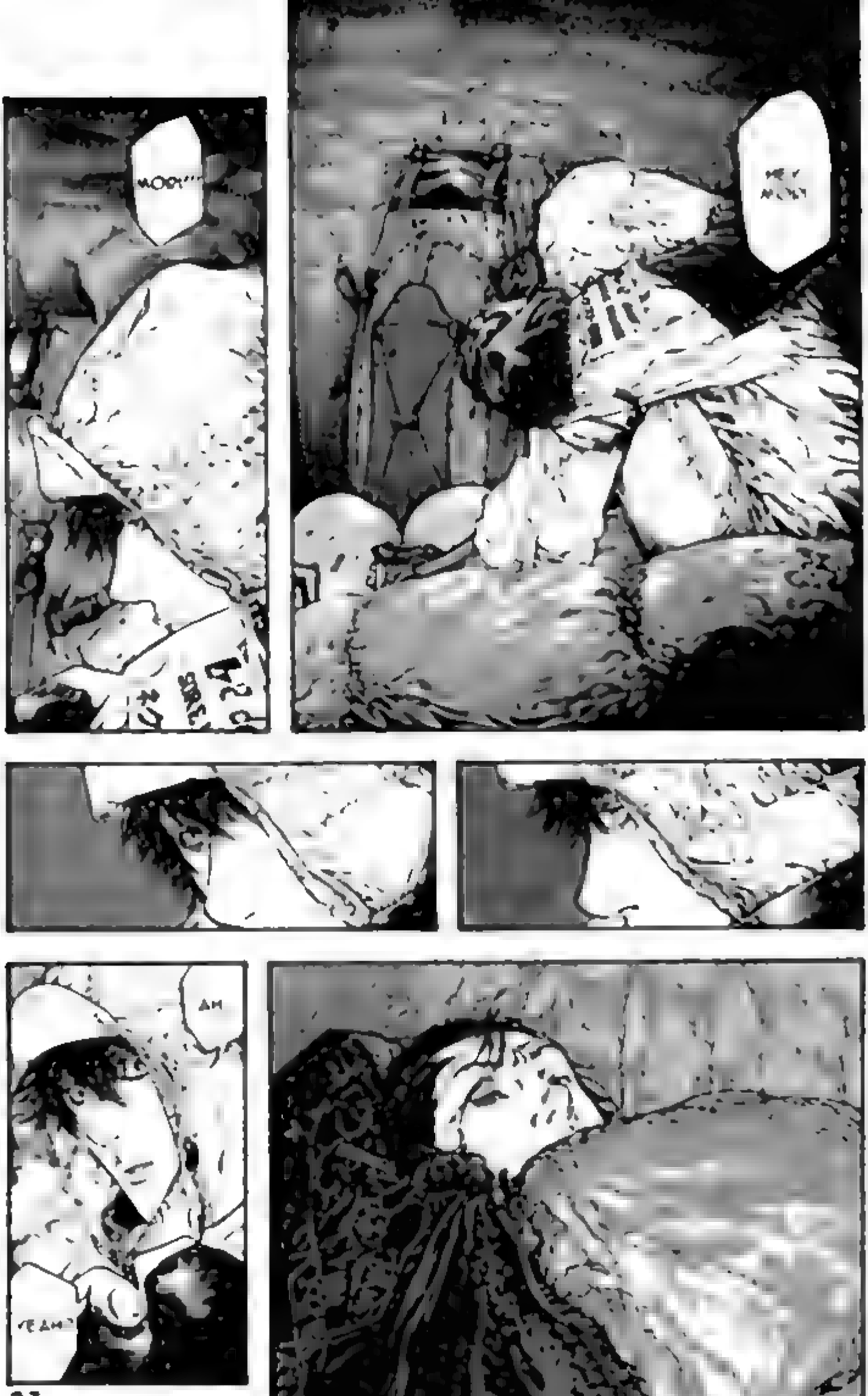
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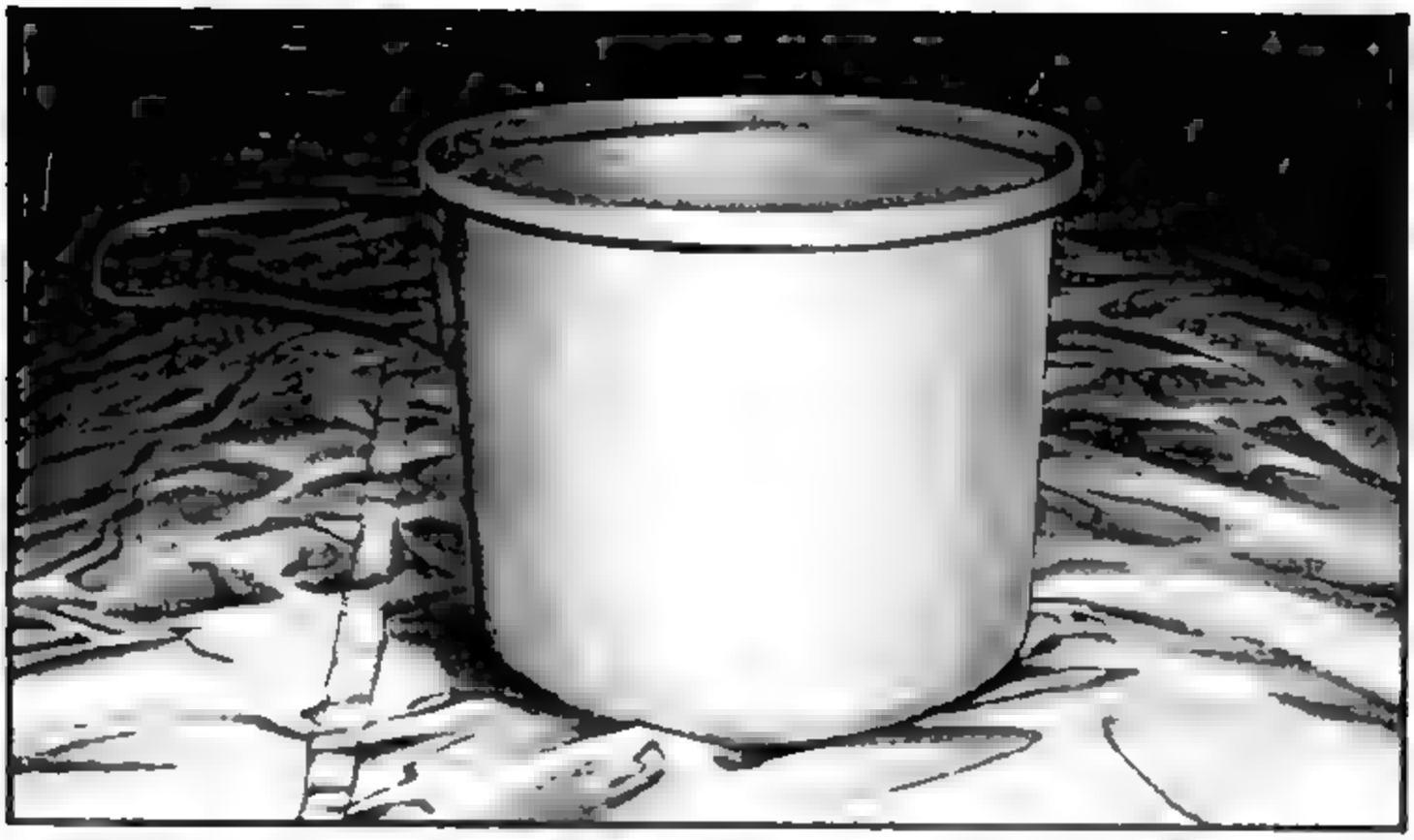
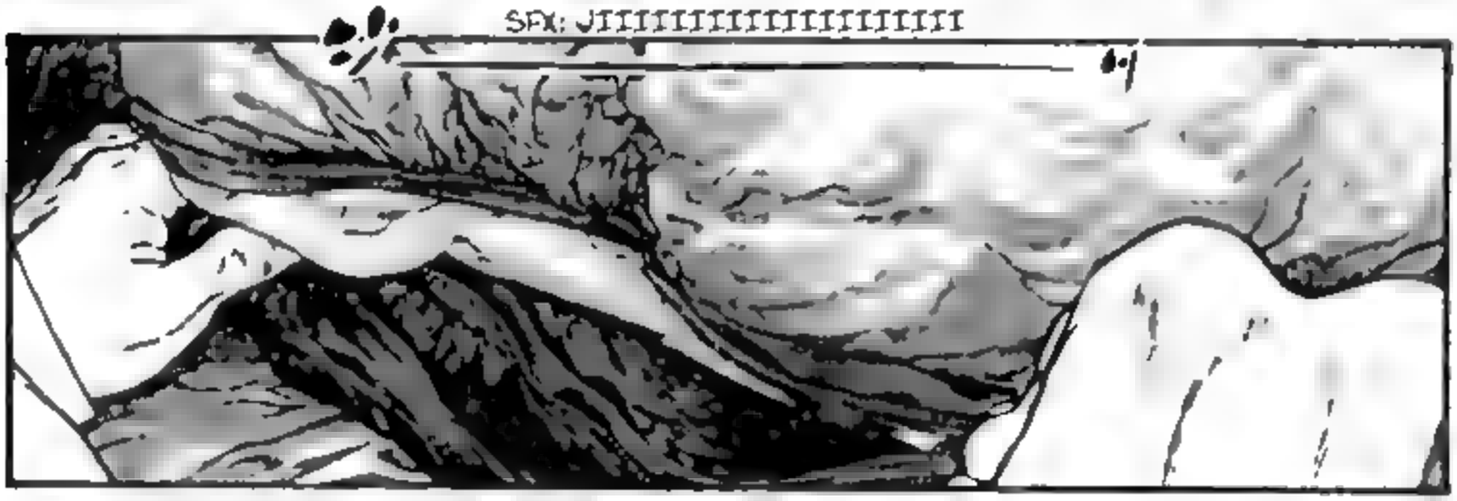
I AM?

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S...
SORRY

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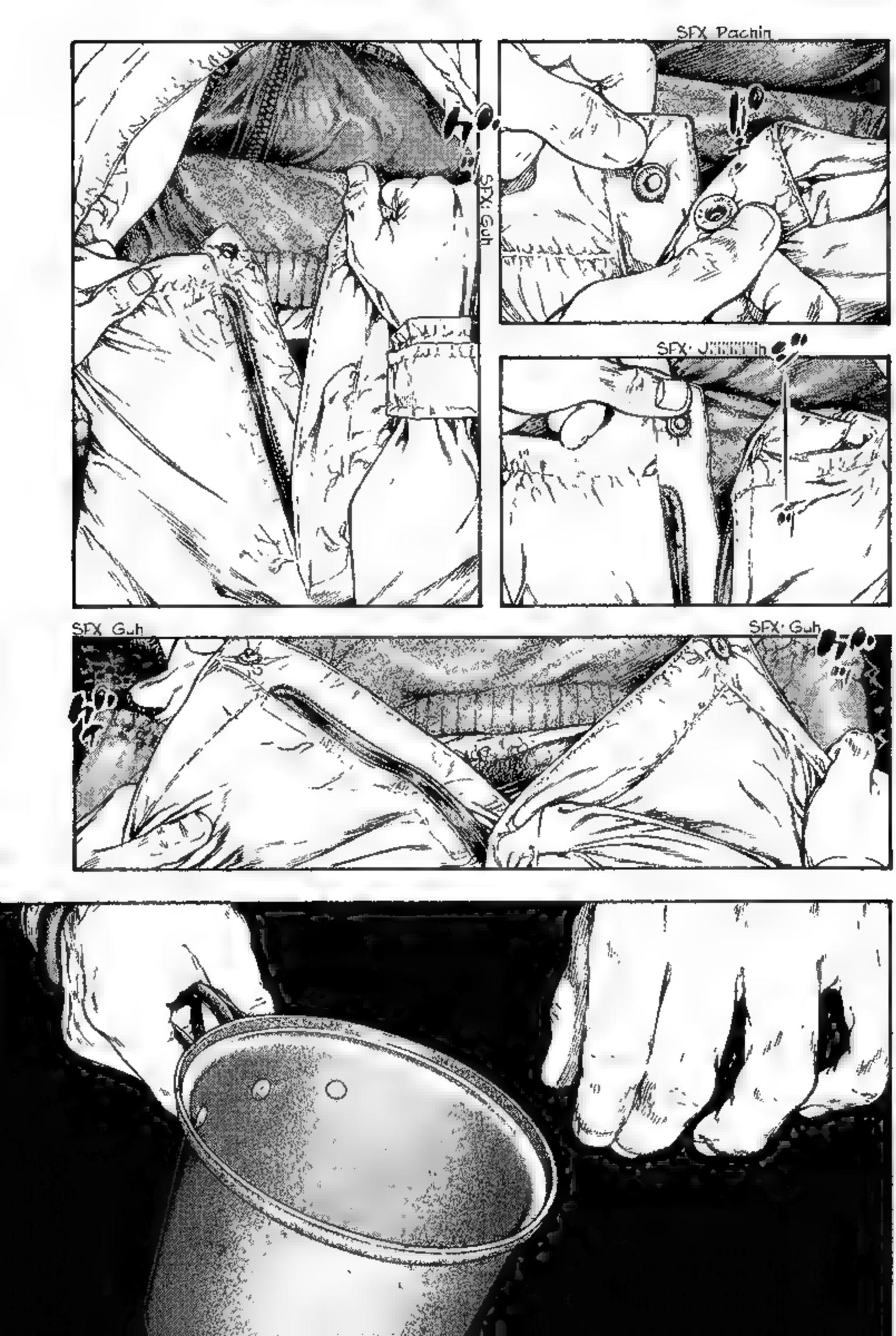
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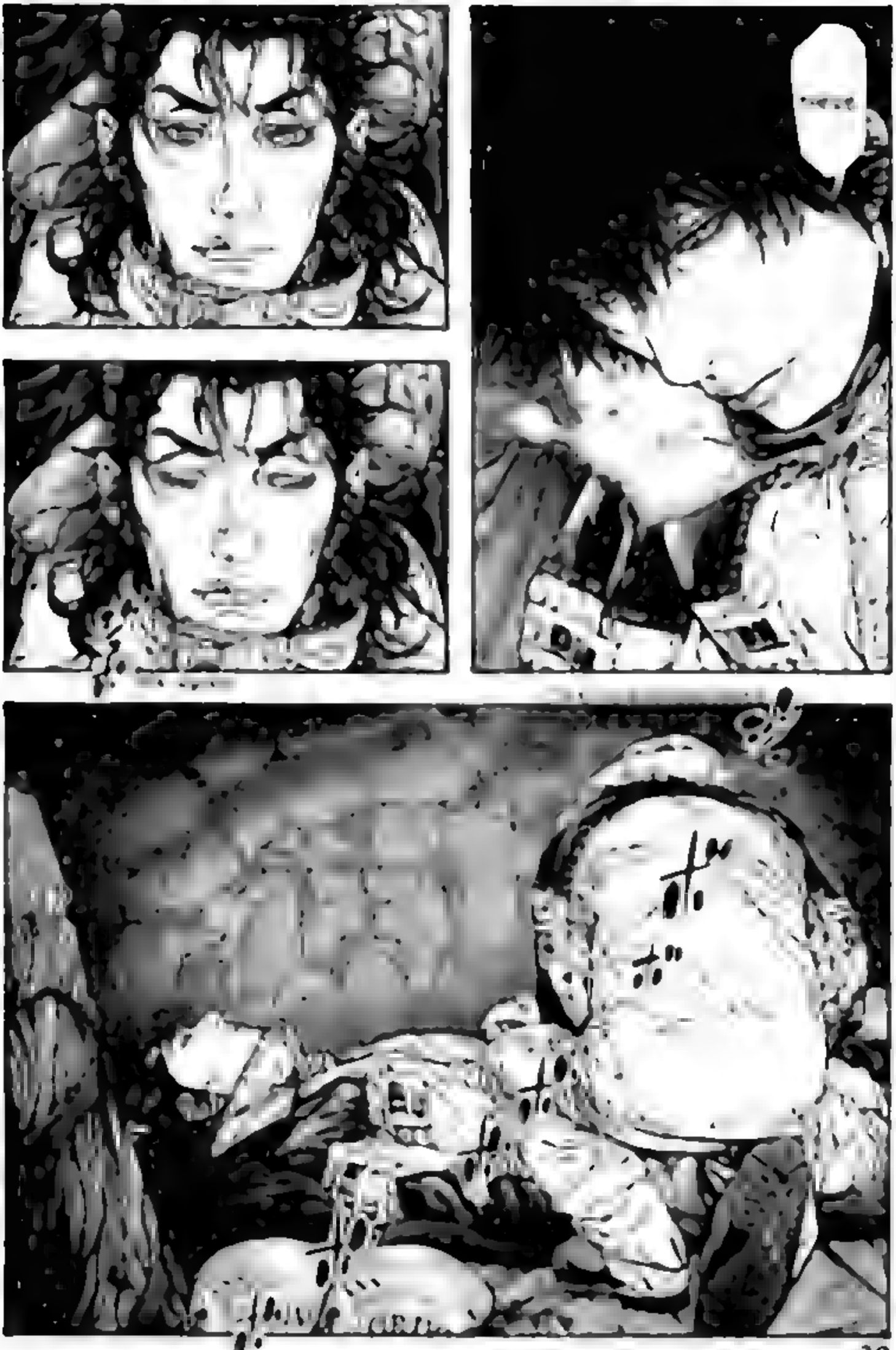

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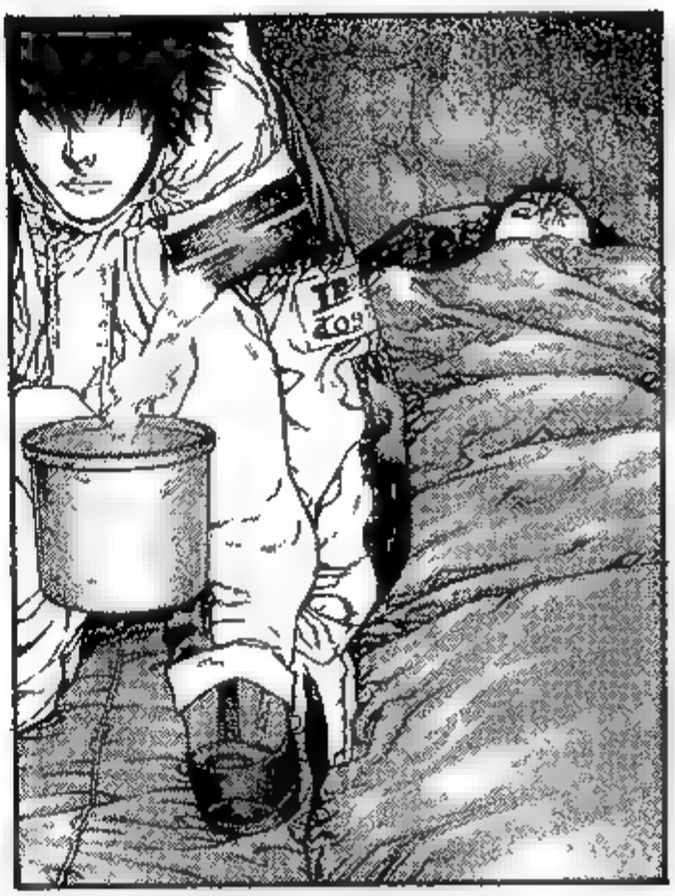

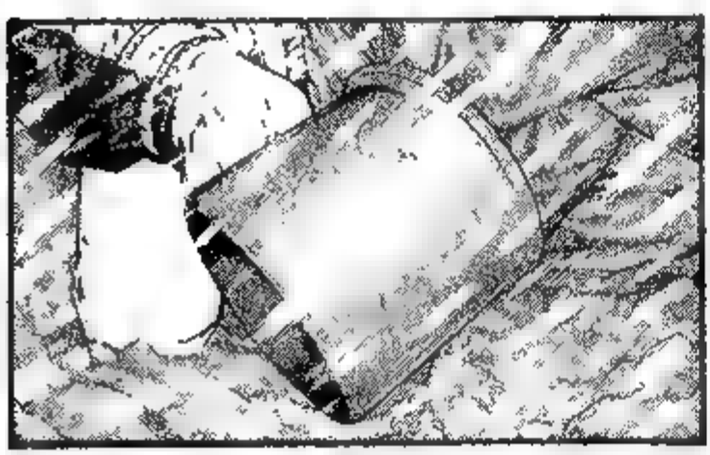

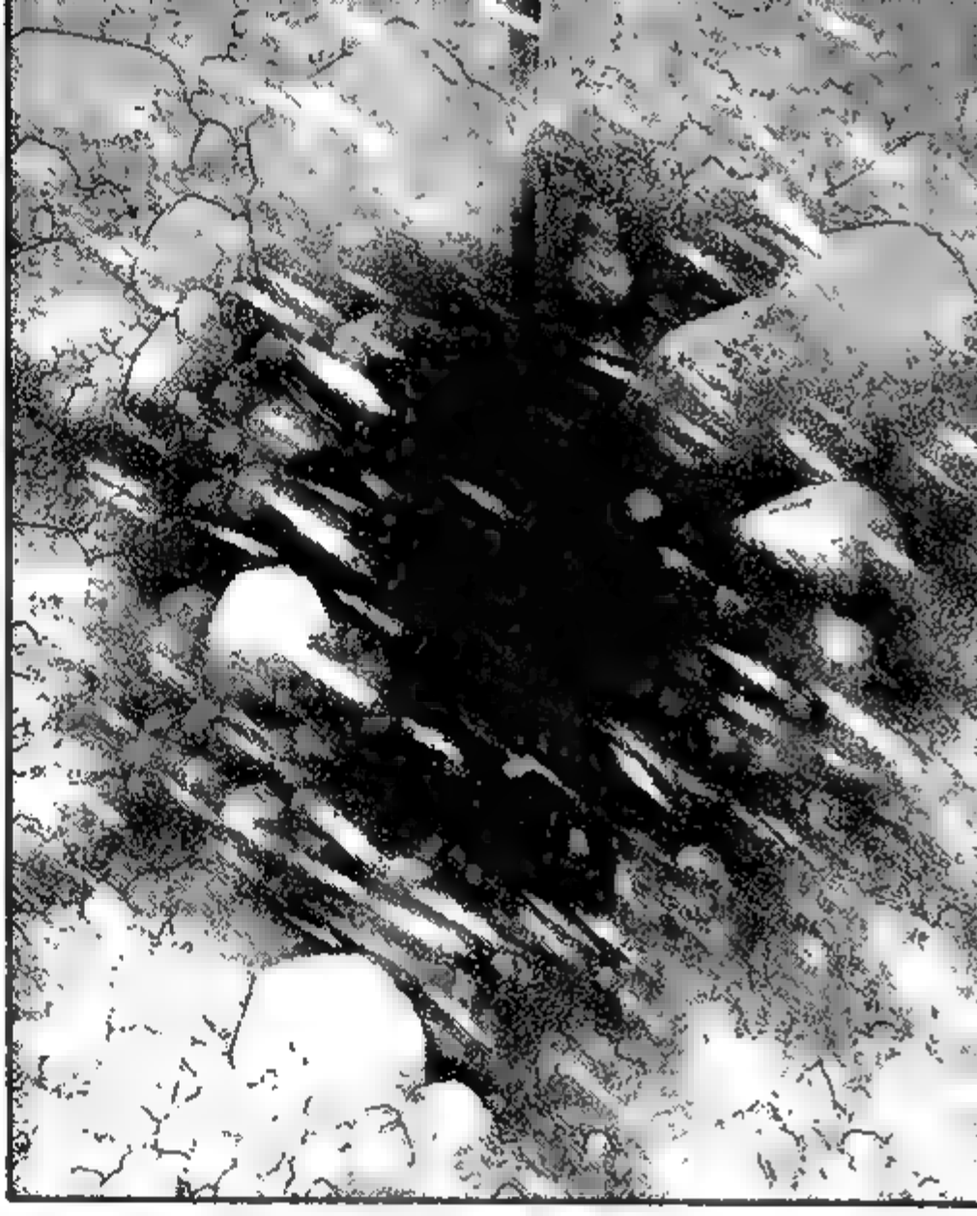

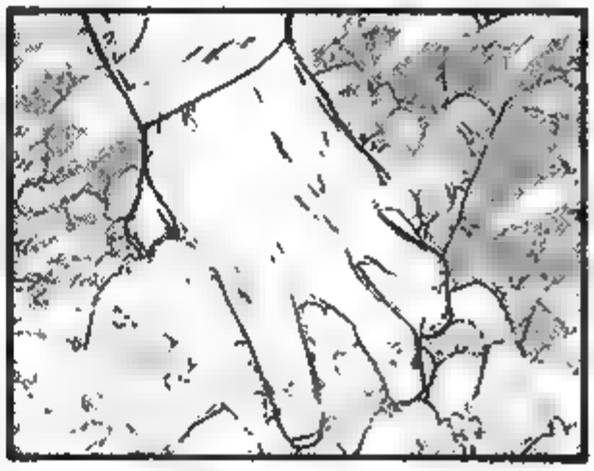

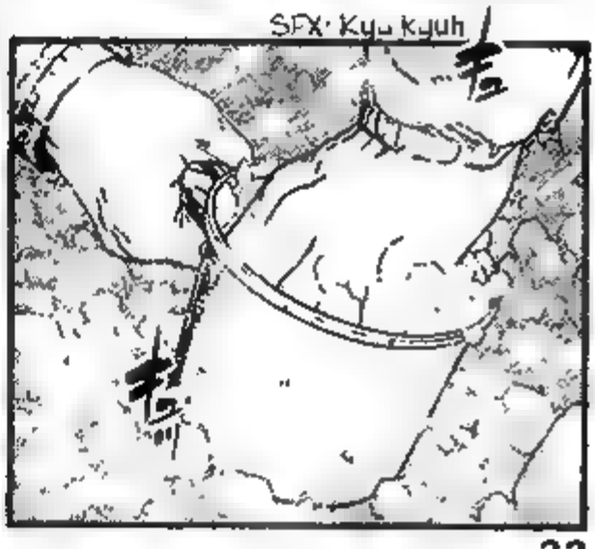
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...NIIMI, IT'S ONLY MELTED CHOCOLATE AGAIN
ANYHOW, YOU NEED TO GET YOUR BODY TEMPERATURE UP

"GEHOH" "GEHOH"
NI-NIIMI?

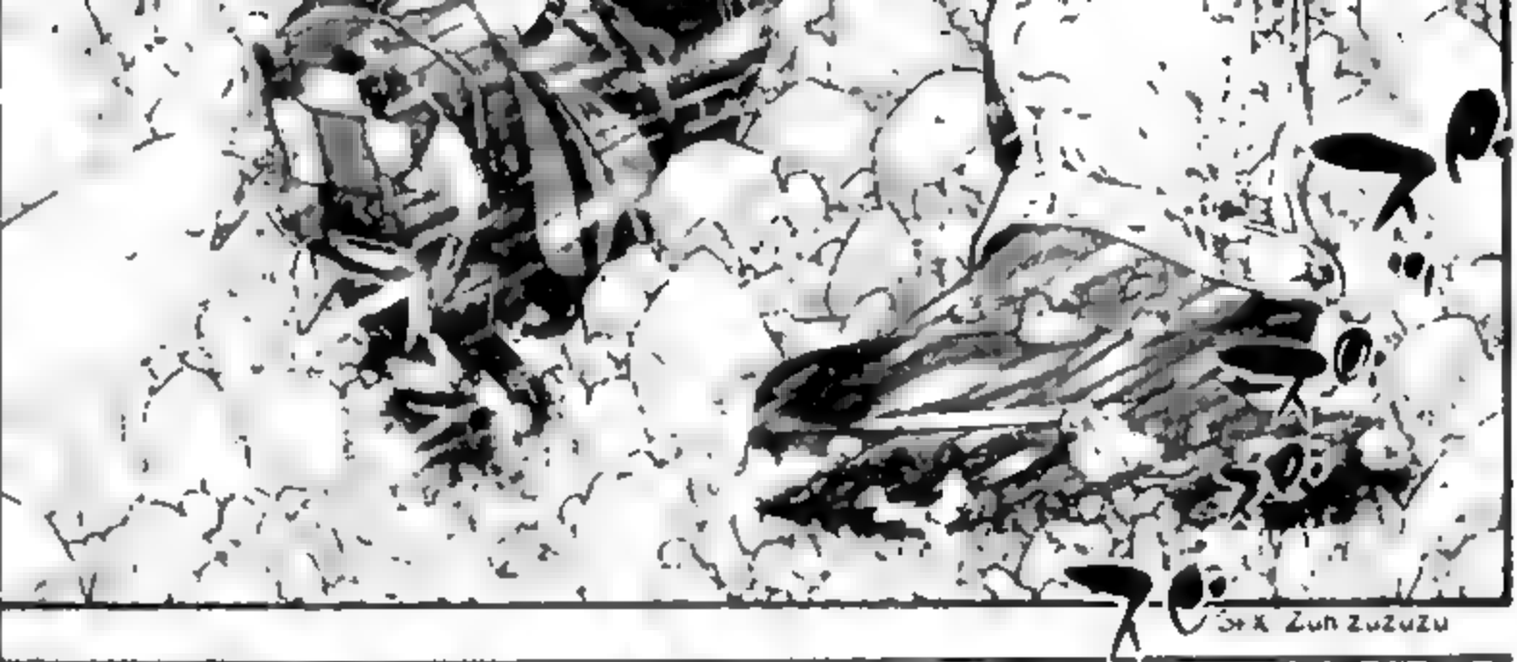
WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE. YOUR RUCK-SACK DRIFTED AWAY.
WE HAVE TO USE WHAT WE HAVE...

THAT'S ENOUGH.
ANYHOW. I COULD NEVER EAT SOME THING LIKE THAT THAT LOOKS LIKE SHIT AND WAS HEATED IN A POT THAT'S BEEN PISSED IN.

I'M GOING TO SLEEP.
YOU EAT THAT SHIT.
NIIMI!!

MAN.

HEY, MY PISS WAS DEEP RED WITH BLOOD, WASN'T IT?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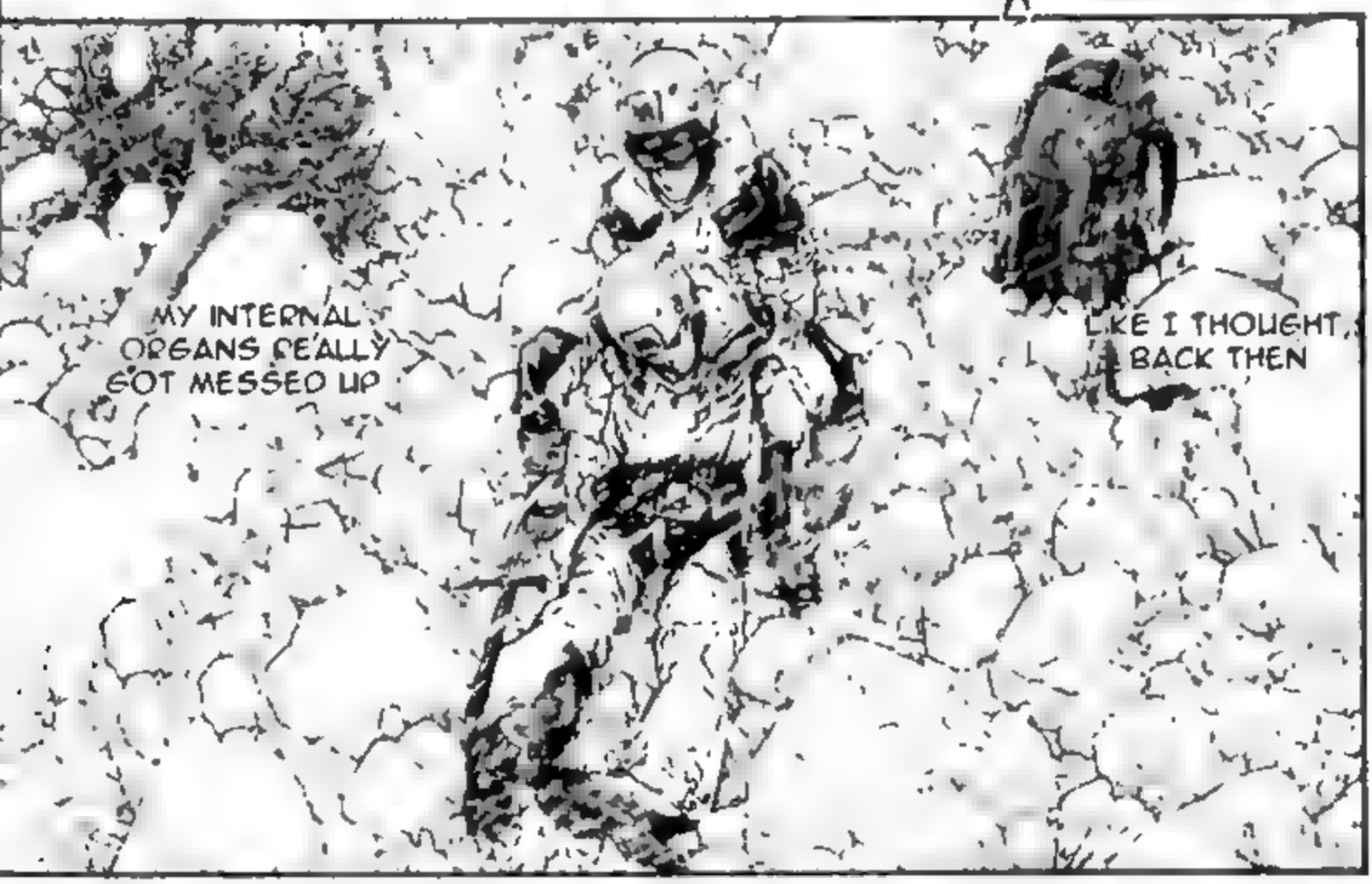
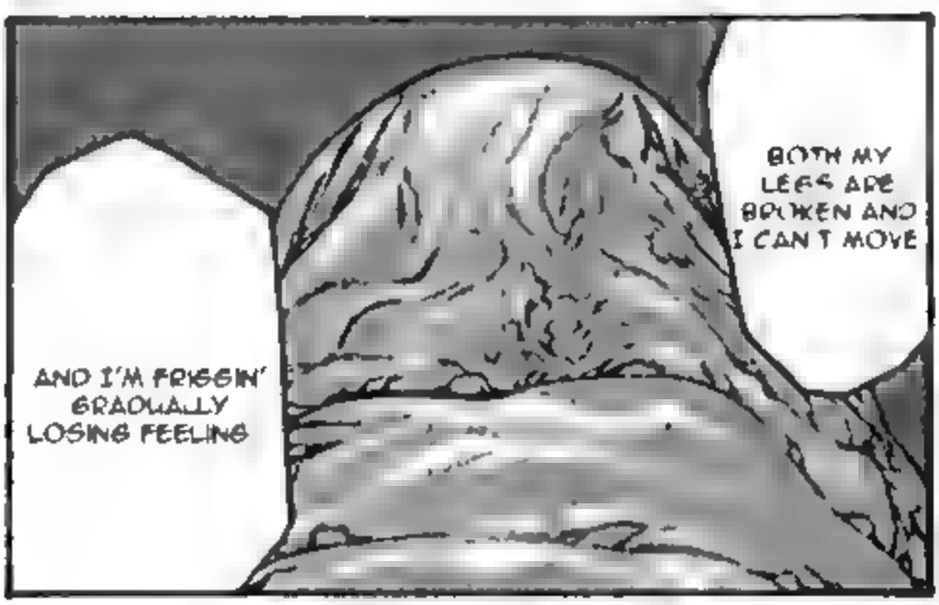

MY INTERNAL ORGANS REALLY GOT MESSED UP
LIKE I THOUGHT, BACK THEN

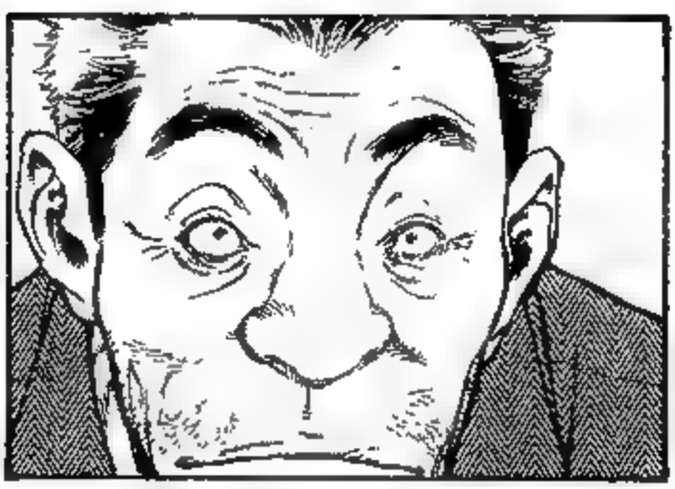

BOTH MY LEGS ARE BROKEN AND I CAN'T MOVE
AND I'M FRIGGIN' GRADUALLY LOSING FEELING

I'M PROBABLY AL-
READY DONE FOR.

NIMI, IS IT
ALL RIGHT IF
I USE YOUR
PHONE
AGAIN?
I'LL TRY
CALLING FOR
RESCUE AGAIN.

ARE PROBABLY
ALREADY GONE
EVEN THE
VICE CAP-
TAIN AND
KUNEDA-
SAN

WHERE'S TAC-CHAN!!?
TAC-CHAN!



TRADE MARK

TAC-
CHAN.
WHERE'S
TACCHAN?

"TSHHHHHHH"
"THHHHHHHH"
"TSHHHHHHH"
"THHHHHHHH"

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Choose the painful path.
Move forward all by yourself.
北アルプス全山縦走
激震展開!!
大太鼓御礼カラー!!!
坂本眞一
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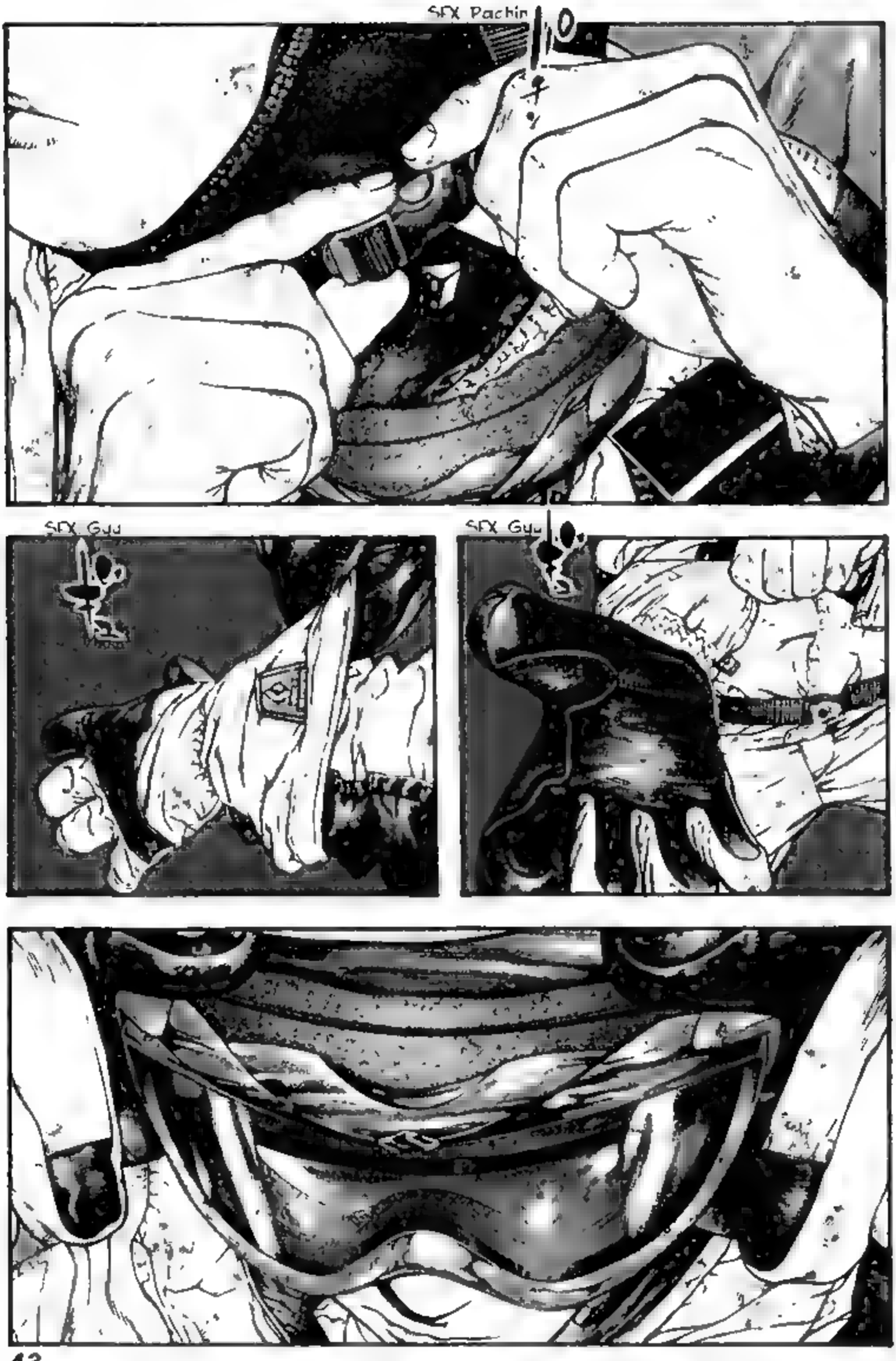
75th Climb◦ Wedge


SFX Pachin
SFX Gyu
SFX Gyu

WELL, I'M GOING.
PLEASE WAIT HERE FOR ME.

I GET IT, MORI.
YOU DON'T CARE IF I DON'T GET SAVED, YOU'RE PLOTTING TO JUST SAVE YOURSELF, [illegible]?
DON'T YOU?
I'VE EXPLAINED IT A MILLION TIMES, HAVEN'T I?

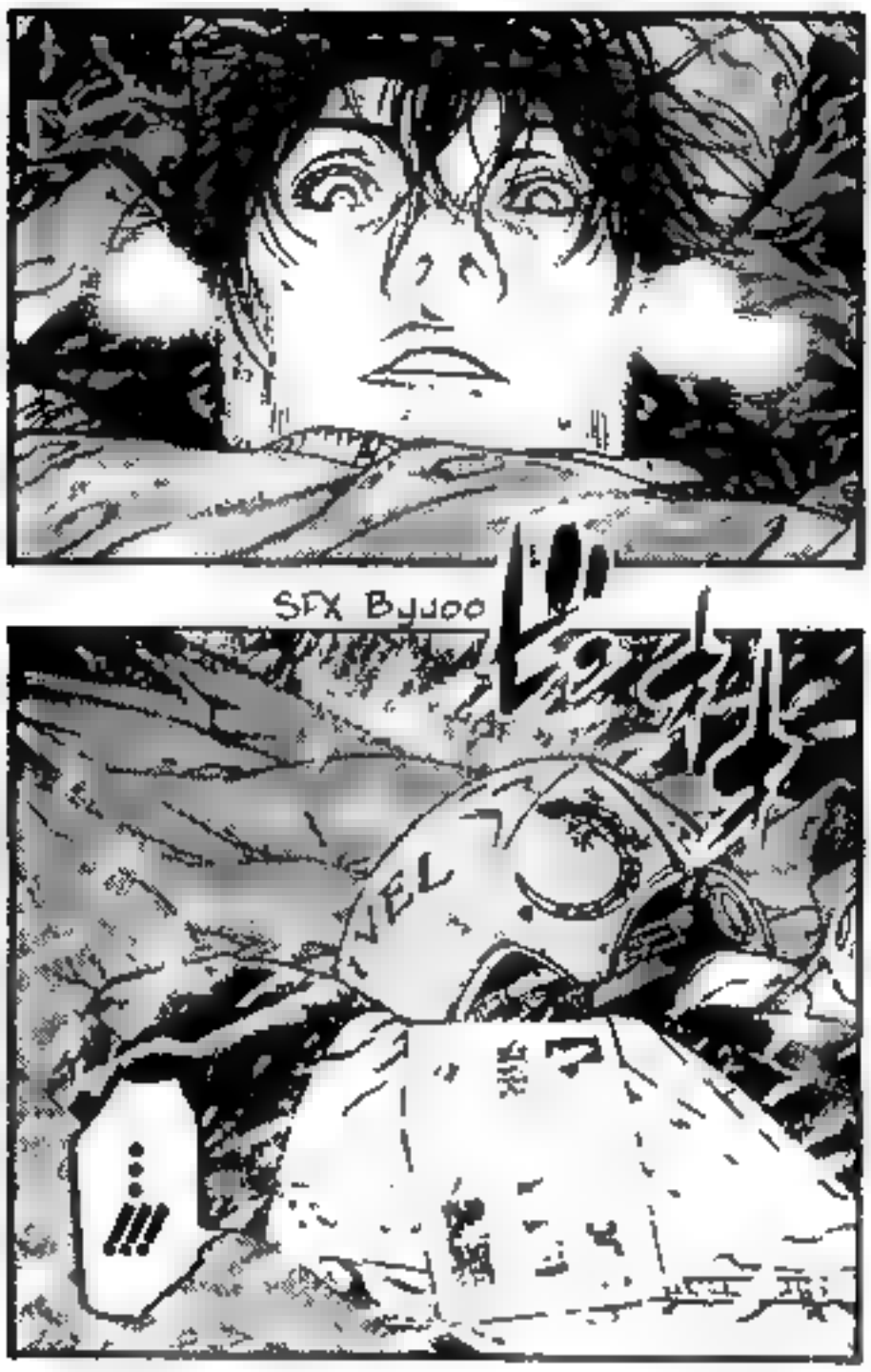
RIGHT DOWN THE BUNATATE RIDGE IS THE TAKASE DAM.

WHEN I GET THERE AND CALL FOR RESCUE, I'LL COME RIGHT BACK.

YOUR CELL PHONE'S CHARGE IS GOING TO RUN OUT SOON AND YOUR CHARGER DRIFTED AWAY W.TH THE RUCKSACK.

IT WOULD TAKE TOO MUCH TIME TO GET TO THE NEXT DEPOSIT, THE CABIN AT MOUNT NO-GUCHIGOROU, WOULD TAKE TOO MUCH TIME TO GET TO...

WHEN I EXPLAINED IT BEFORE, YOU AGREED, DIDN'T YOU, NIMI?
OKAY THEN I'M GOING
I GOTTA PISS
AAH, I'M LEAKING. I'M LEAKING!
I THINK A TURD'S COMING OUT. TOO!!!


SFX Byuoo
GRIVEL
!!!

GRIVEL
THAT'S ENOUGH, NIIMI!!
OUR FOOD SUPPLIES ARE GOING TO RUN OUT VERY SOON AS WELL.
IF I DON'T MOVE NOW, ALL THAT'LL BE LEFT IS FOR US BOTH TO DIE!!!
door
USK

SFX Bah
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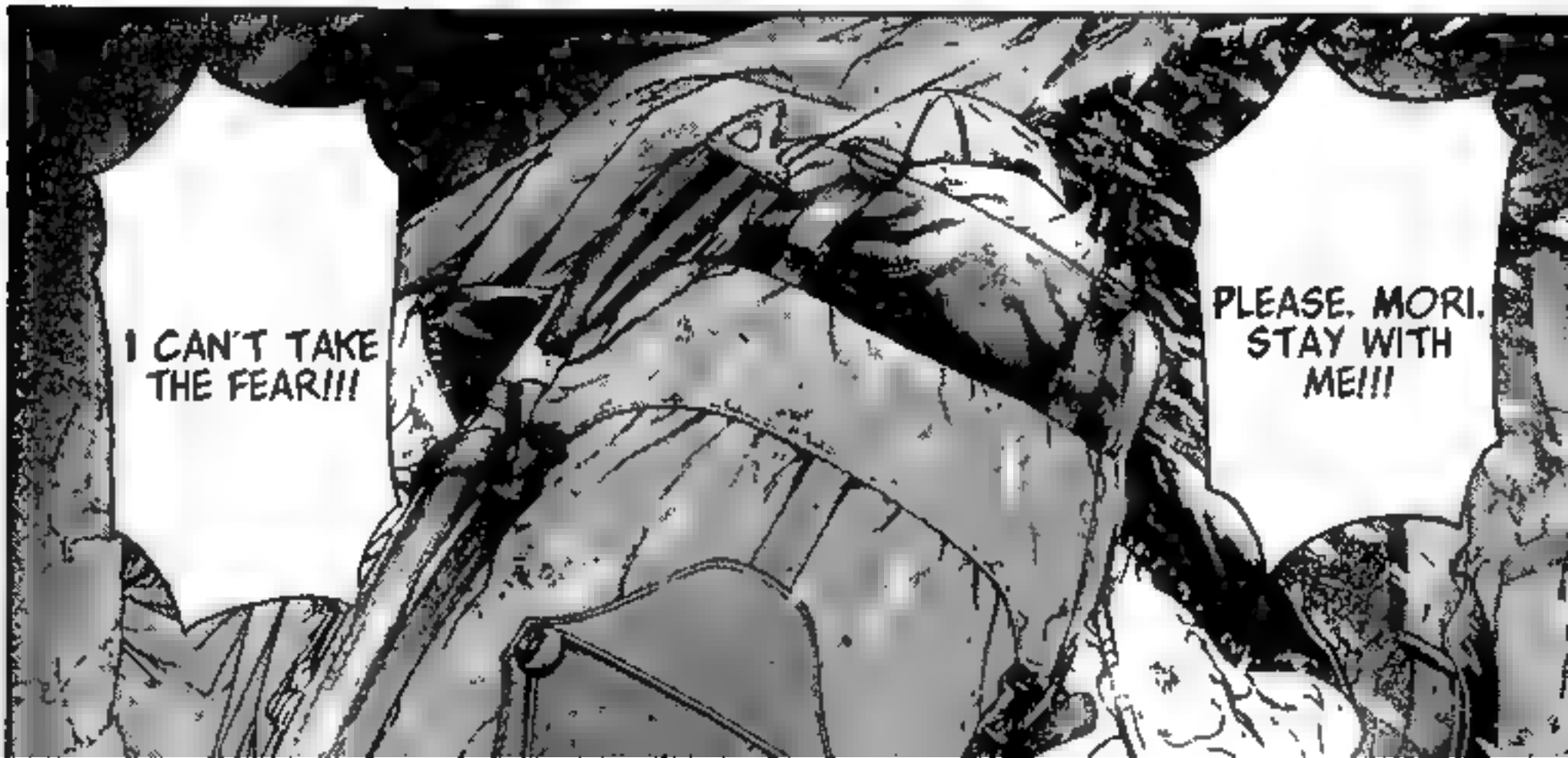

I CAN'T TAKE THE FEAR!!!
PLEASE, MORI. STAY WITH ME!!!

You're the only one I can rely on.

So please, don't leave me alone...!!!

WHENEVER WE WENT OUT, THERE WERE THE CUTEST STRAY CATS WAITING FOR US.

SHE LIKES CATS, SO OF HER HAND ALWAYS SOUNDED CRUNCHY.

WHAT WAS CRUNCHY? THE CAT'S DRY FOOD!!

ON DATES, WE WALKED ALONG SHAKUJII RIVER THAT WAS NEAR THE APARTMENT.

NEAR THE SAKYOu LINE RAILWAY BRIDGE IS THE BEST

IN SPRING THEY HAD THE MOST BREATHTAKING SAKURA.

OH YEAH, WE NEVER SEE THAT ONE-EYED RED CAT ANYMORE..

I GOT A REAL SCARE ONE TIME. SUDDENLY HER FATHER FROM THE COUNTRY CAME TO TOKYO.

I PANICKED AND HID IN THE CLOSET WITH JUST A PAIR OF UNDERWEAR ON. HEHEH.

EVEN NOW, HER DAD WON'T TALK WITH ME...

BUT I GOT FOUND OUT PRETTY SOON, AND GOT YELLED AT HORRIBLY, BUT SOMEHOW HE FORGAVE ME IN THE END

...I USED TO BE A SKIRT CHASER.

I HAD A PART TIME JOB AT A BAR, AND THIS SUPER-CUTE GIRL CAME IN FOR A DRINK WITH TWO FRIENDS. AND I WAS IN LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT.

AND WHEN THAT GIRL LEFT THE SHOP, AND THEN, WITHOUT THINKING, I FORGOT ABOUT MY DUTY AT THE STORE AND I WON HER HEART OVER BEFORE I KNEW IT.

I MEAN, WE MIGHT NEVER HAVE MET AGAIN.

AND THE JOB? OBVIOUSLY I GOT FIRED.

AFTERWARDS I WENT TO HER HOUSE, AND WITHIN THAT DAY, WE DID IT.

WE DID IT 5 TIMES, WE SURE WERE YOUNG THEN

HER CUTE FACE BELIED HOW VIOLENT SHE WAS.

THE TRUTH IS, SHE HAD TAKEN A LIKING TO ME AT THE START TOO... KUKUH

BUT THAT WAS CUTE, TOO.

I TUMBLED INTO HER TINY SIX-MAT ROOM APARTMENT... I GUESS IT'S BEEN 2 YEARS ALREADY.

SHE WAS A KINDERGARTEN TEACHER AND I WORKED PART TIME.

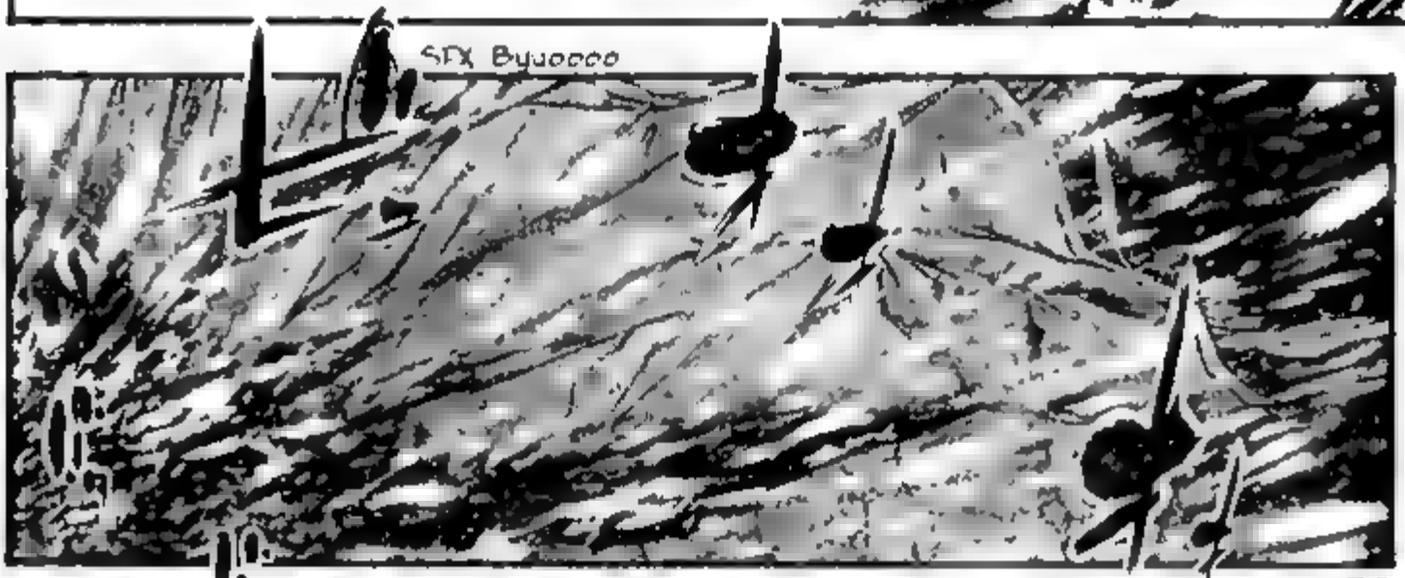
EVERY DAY I'D GO TO THE SUPERMARKET RIGHT BEFORE IT CLOSED AND I'D BUY CROQUETTE THERE WAITING FOR ME WITH THE HALF-PRICE STICKER ON THEM.

WE BOUGHT A TV AND A REFRIGERATOR FROM SOME OLD FOREIGN GUY FROM A SHADY SECOND-HAND SHOP, AND WITHIN A YEAR THEY BROKE...

BUT WE USED ALL OUR INCOME ON MOUNTAINS, SO WE SERIOUSLY NEVER HAD MONEY.

AH, OH YEAH, SILVER #1'S BREAK BROKE ON ONE SIDE, I THINK.

DRIVE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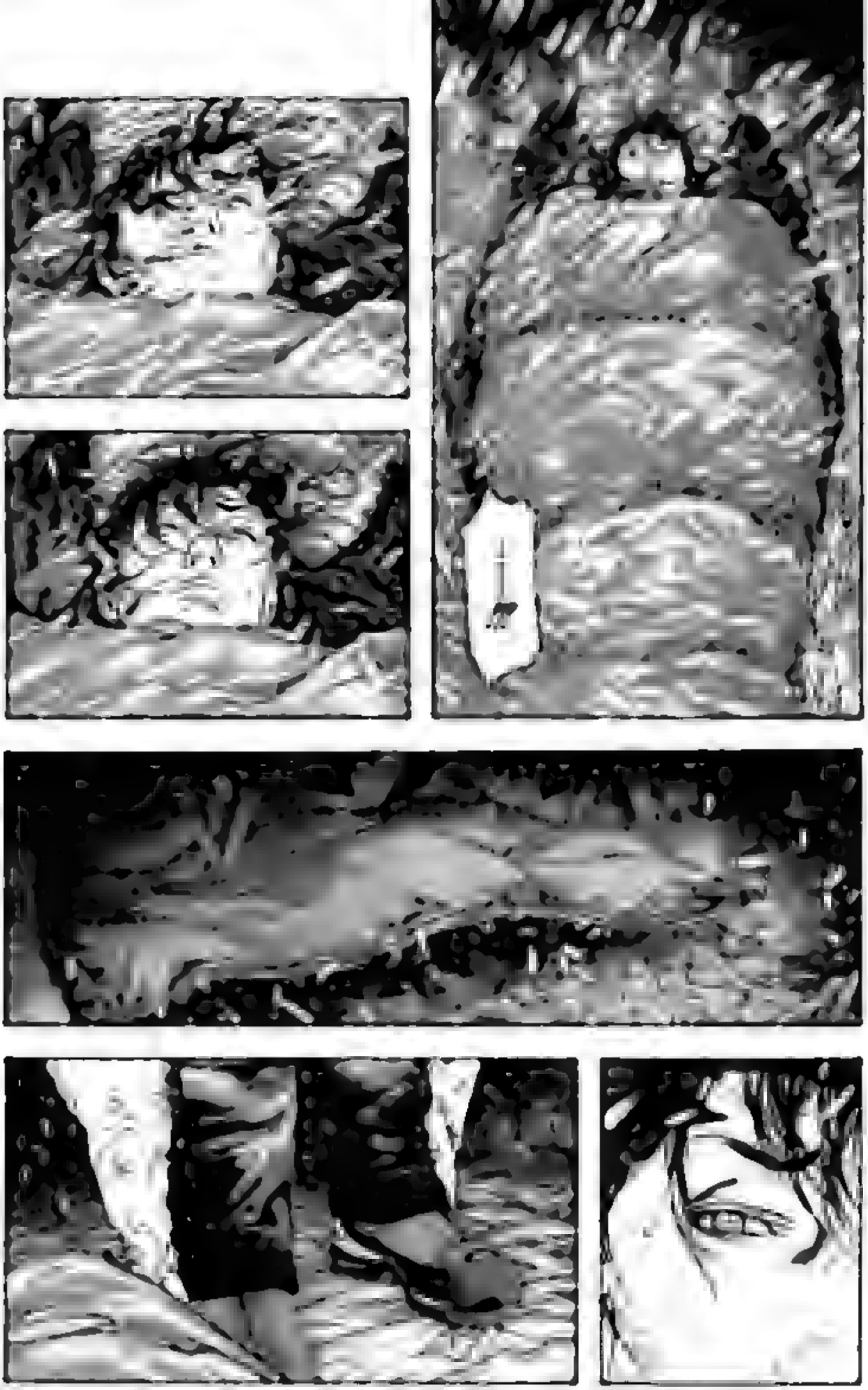
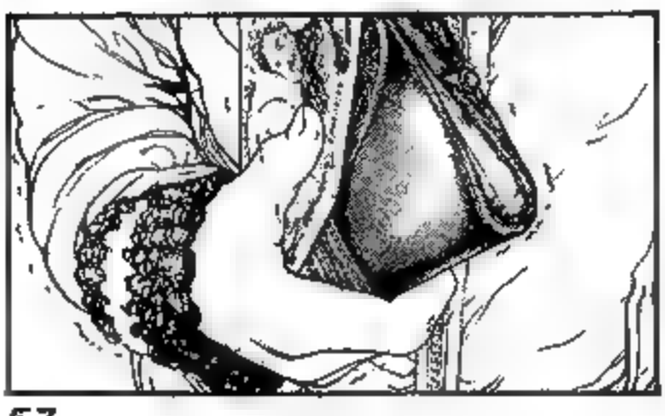


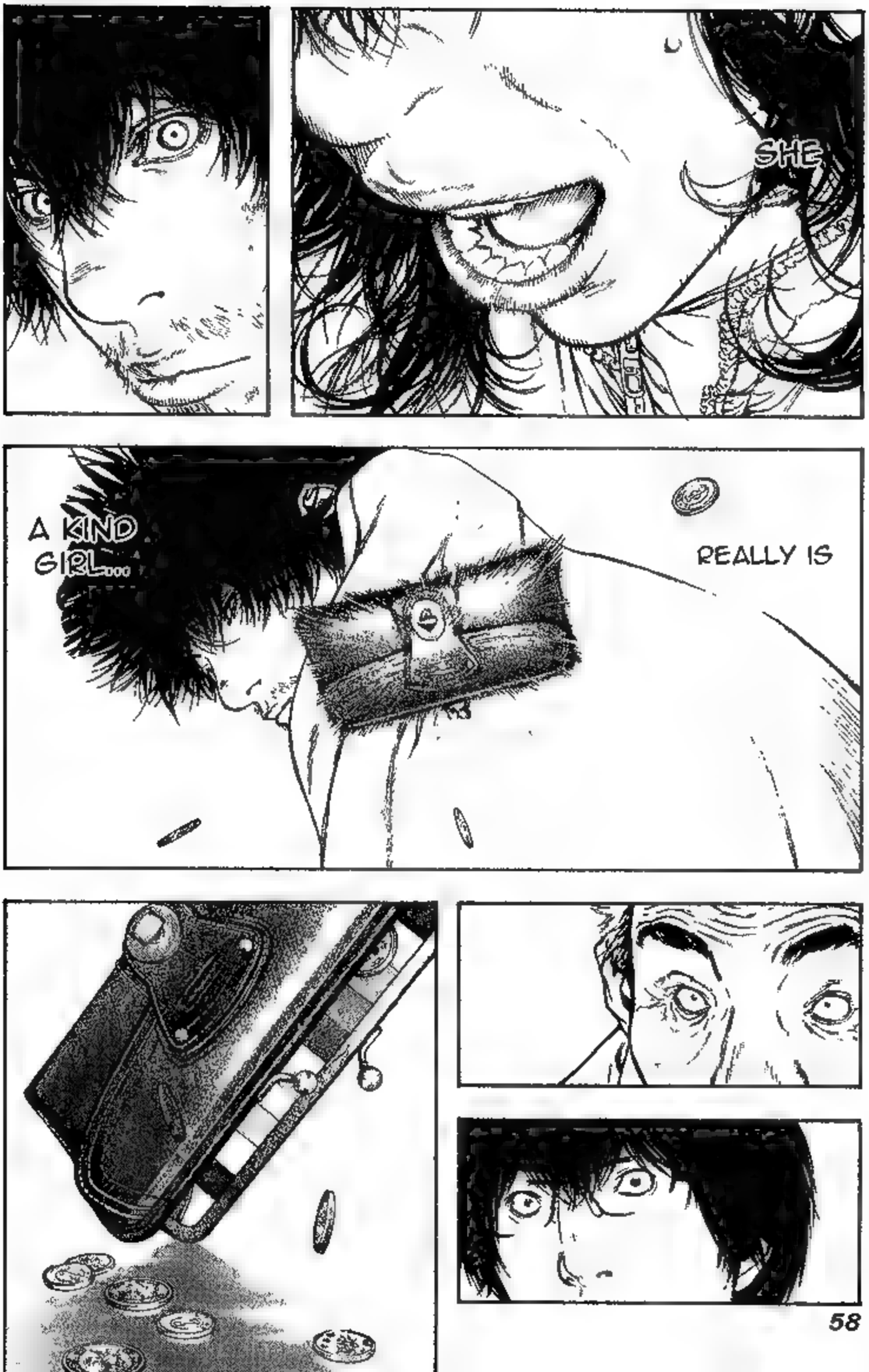
HER SPAGHETTI GOT REALLY GOOD.

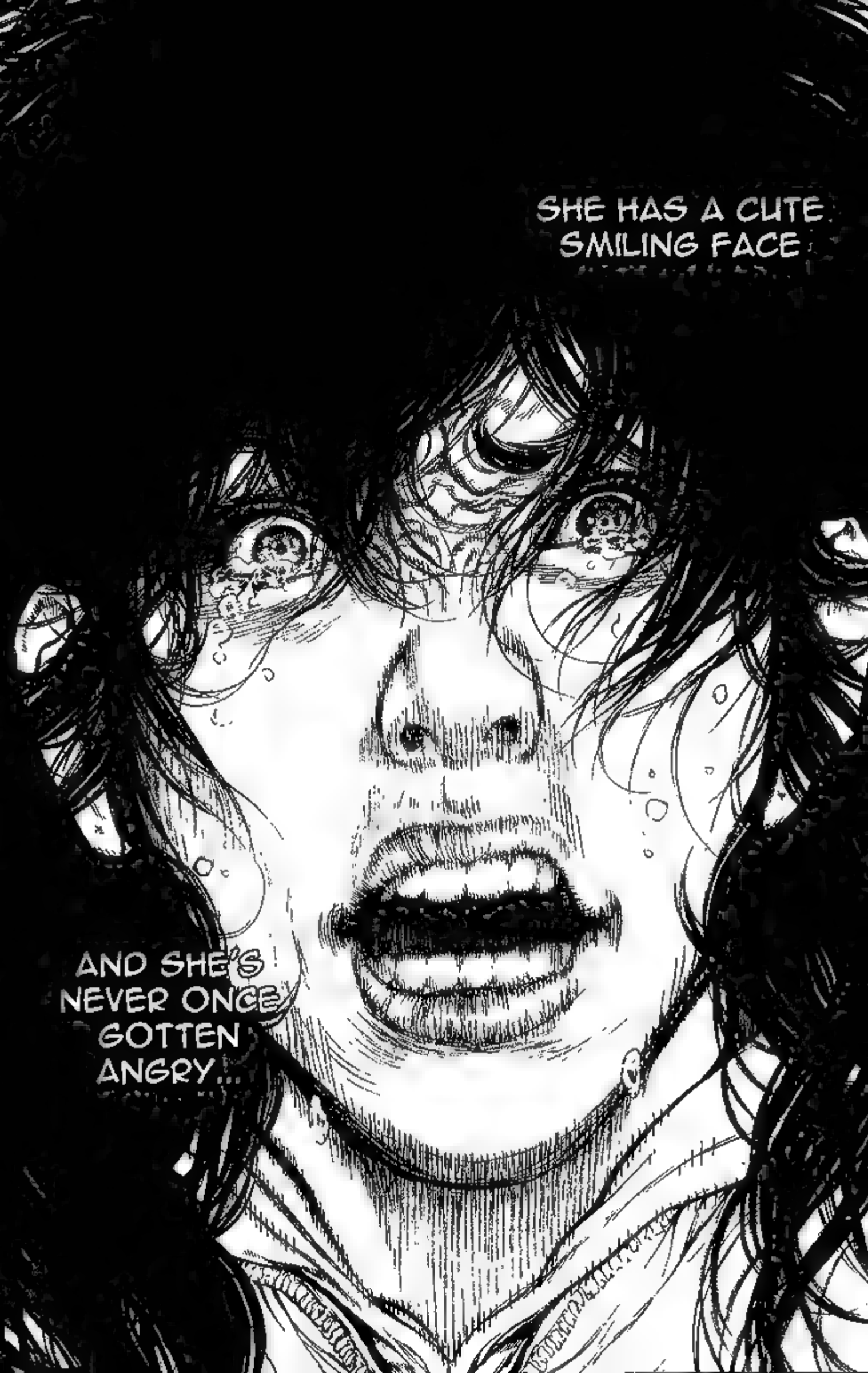
BECAUSE OF HER I KNEW CARBONARA FOR THE FIRST TIME

WHEN I WE GET DOWN THIS MOUN-TAIN, YOU CAN HAVE SOME, TOO.

MOMO-
CHAN...




SHE
A KIND GIRL...
REALLY IS


SHE HAS A CUTE SMILING FACE...
AND SHE'S NEVER ONCE GOTTEN ANGRY...

I WANT TO HUG THAT SLENDER BODY OF HERS
WITH ALL MY HEART...

WHY DID YOU DECIDE NOT TO GO DOWN THE MOUNTAIN
AND CHOOSE TO REMA N IN THE SNOW CAVE W TH NI MI-KUN?

CAN I ASK YOU ONE THING?

SFX: Dosa
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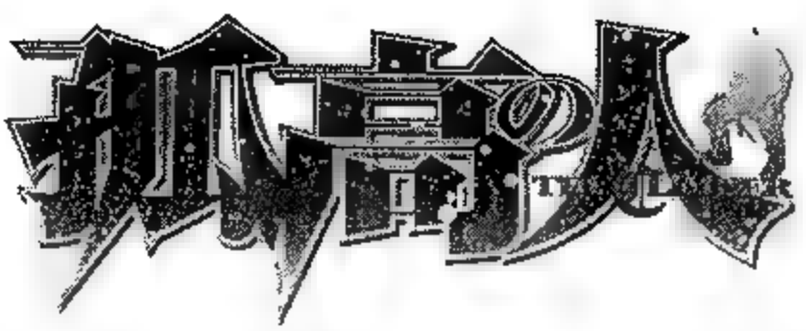
SORE KUSH
ネクスト製薬
...I THOUGHT THAT IF I COULD D E TOGETHER WITH A FRIEND
THEN THAT WOULD BE ALL RIGHT, TOO.



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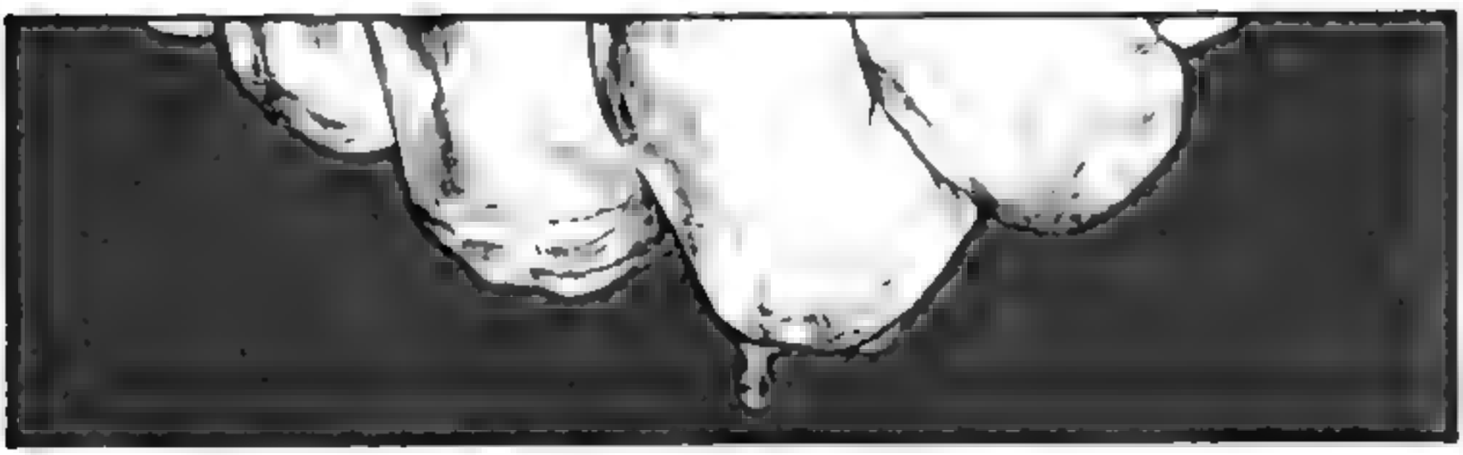
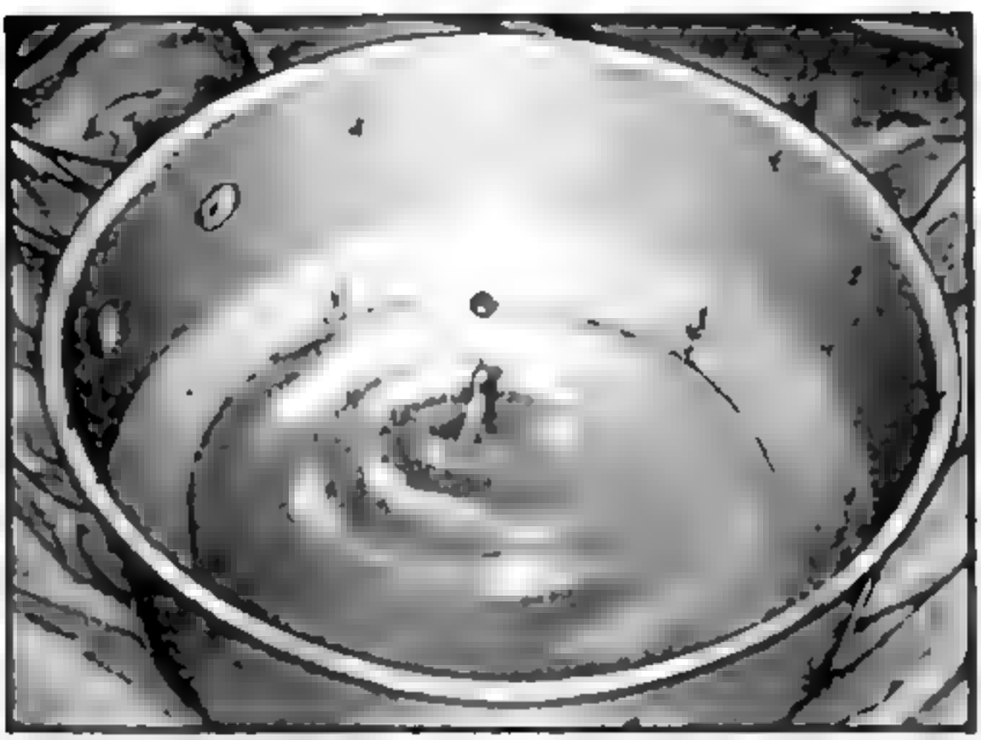
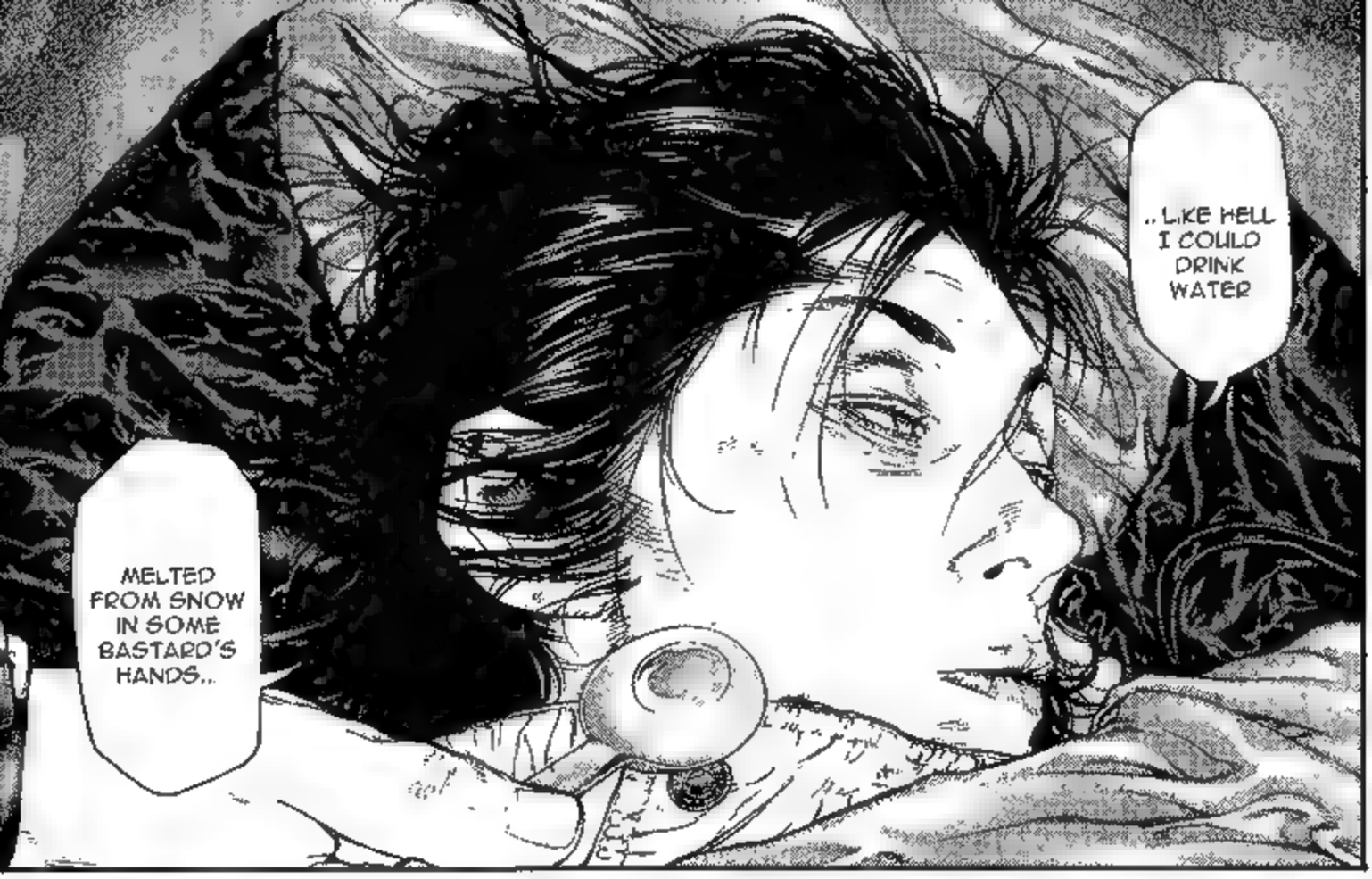




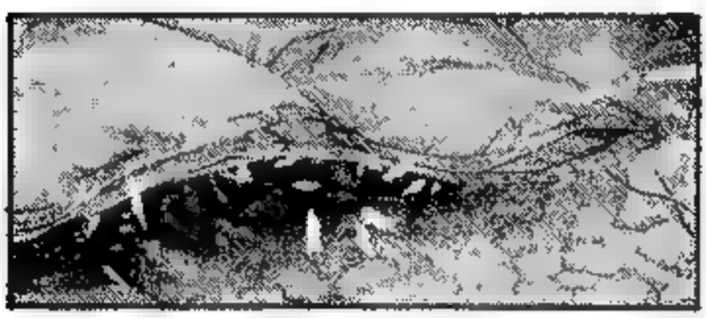
Tokyo Ghoul • Masayuki Kusumi
Hmm.
WATER


.. LIKE HELL I COULD DRINK WATER
MELTED FROM SNOW IN SOME BASTARD'S HANDS..

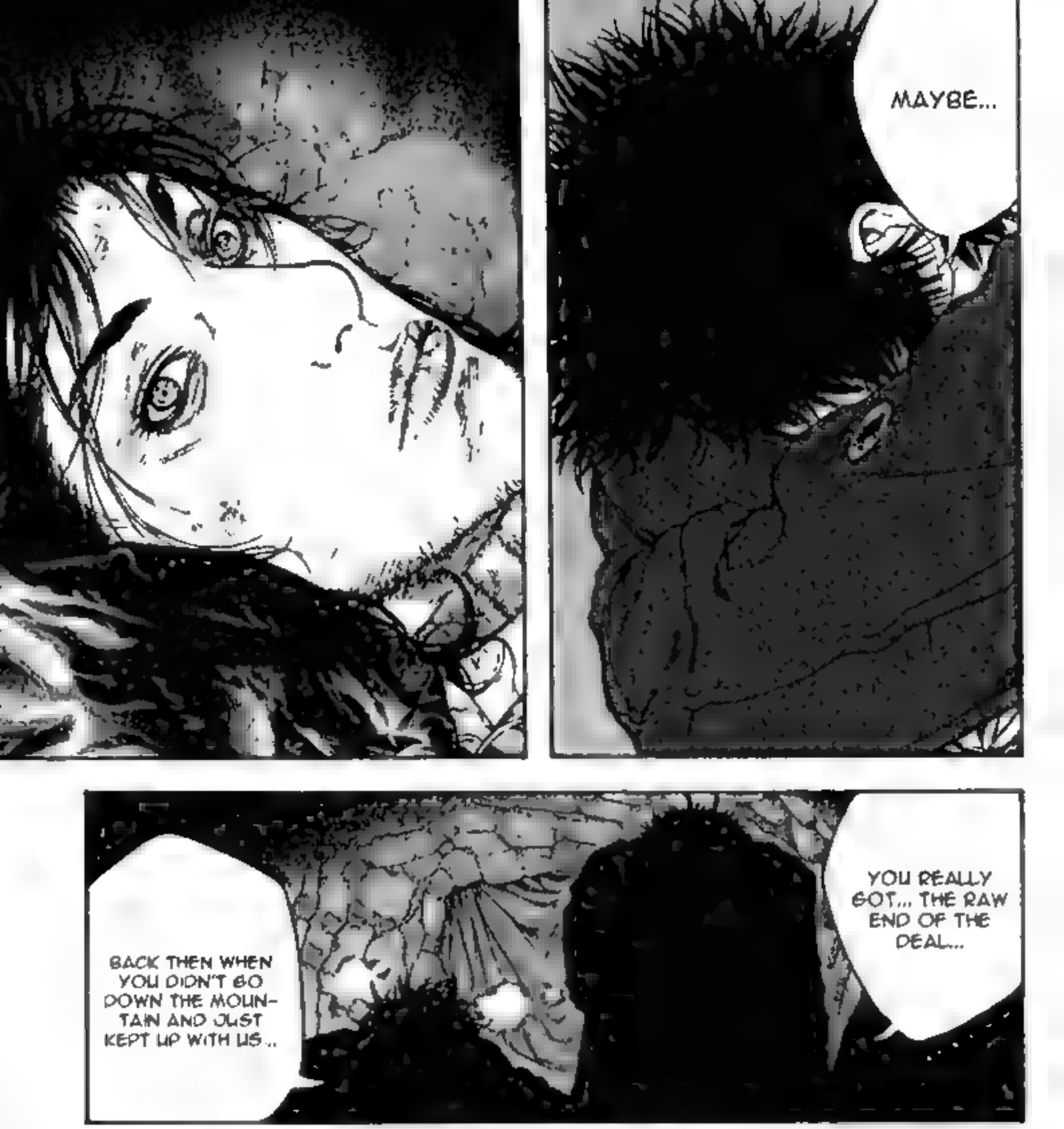
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT
WE'RE OUT OF MATCHES AND WE DON'T EVEN HAVE ANYTHING LEFT TO BURN ..

SFX: Gachi gachi

SFX. Pasa



YOU'RE GONNA DIE BEFORE ME...
IT'S -15°C.


MAYBE...

BACK THEN WHEN YOU DIDN'T GO DOWN THE MOUNTAIN AND JUST KEPT UP WITH US..
YOU REALLY GOT... THE RAW END OF THE DEAL...

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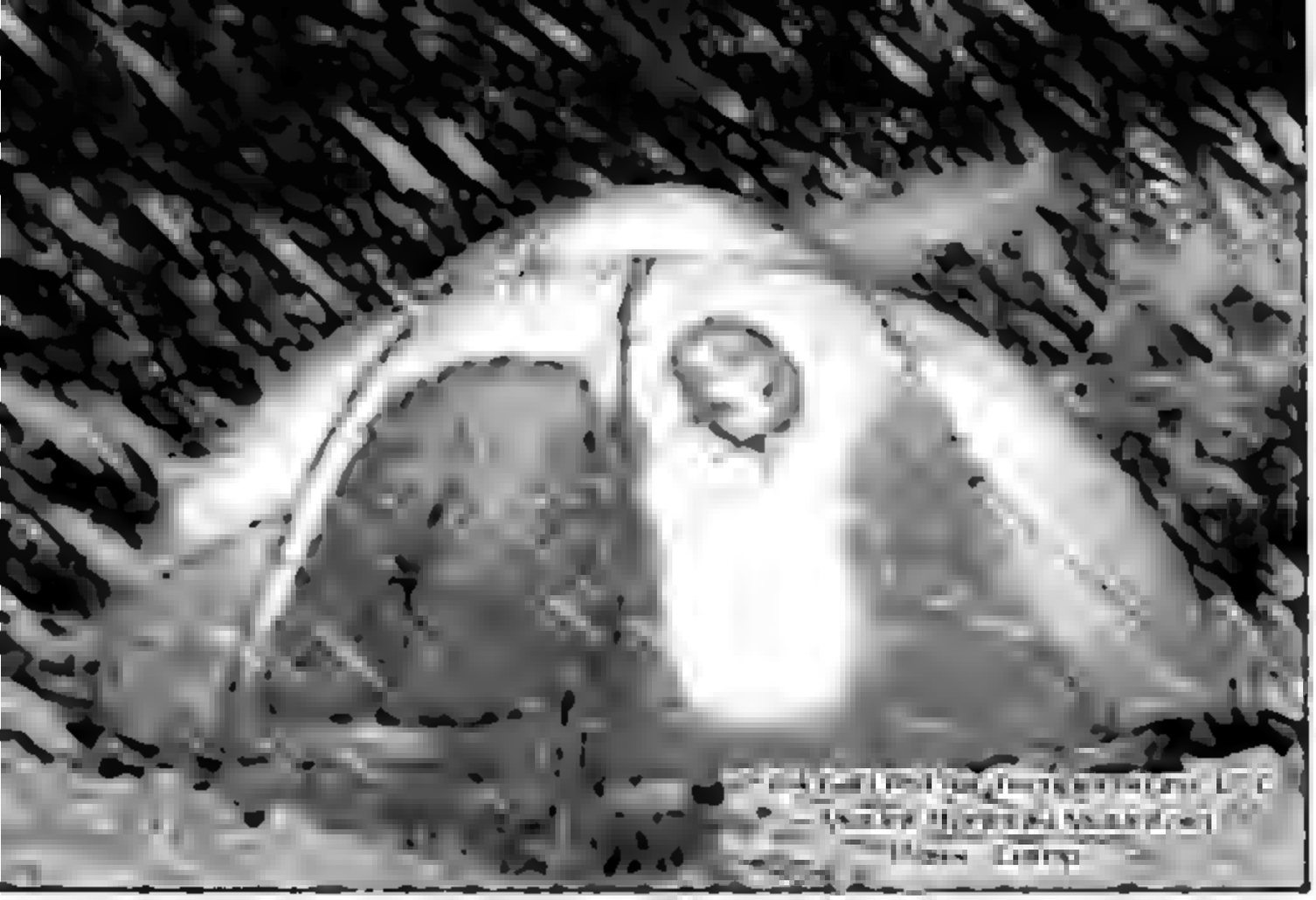
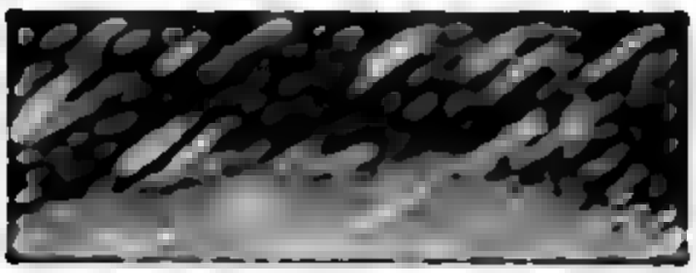
14 Mountain
K2 East-Face Simulation Training
Northern Alps All-Mountain Traversal.
Day 11
---Mount Iwagoyasawa Ridge Line---

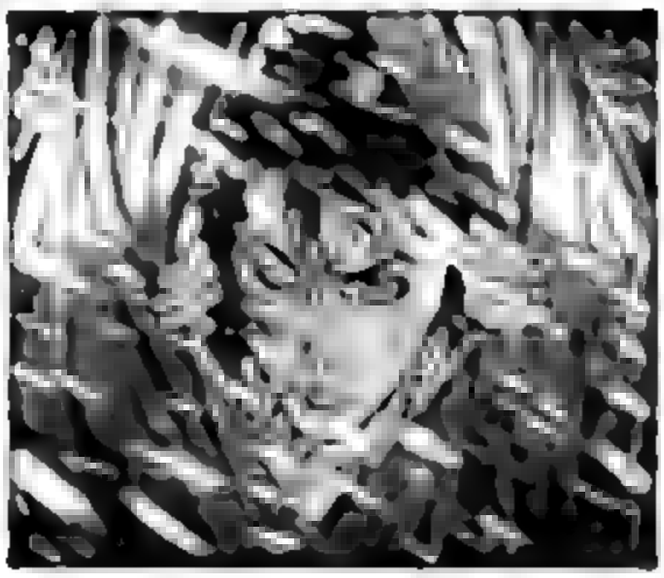
HE'S NOT A MEMBER OF OUR TEAM ANYMORE.
FORGET ABOUT HIM.

I THOUGHT HE'D GIVE UP BY NOW, BUT HE'S STILL KEEPING UP WITH US
MOUNTAIN
THIS IS THE SECOND DAY ALREADY!!

KUN EDA
Y-YES SIR





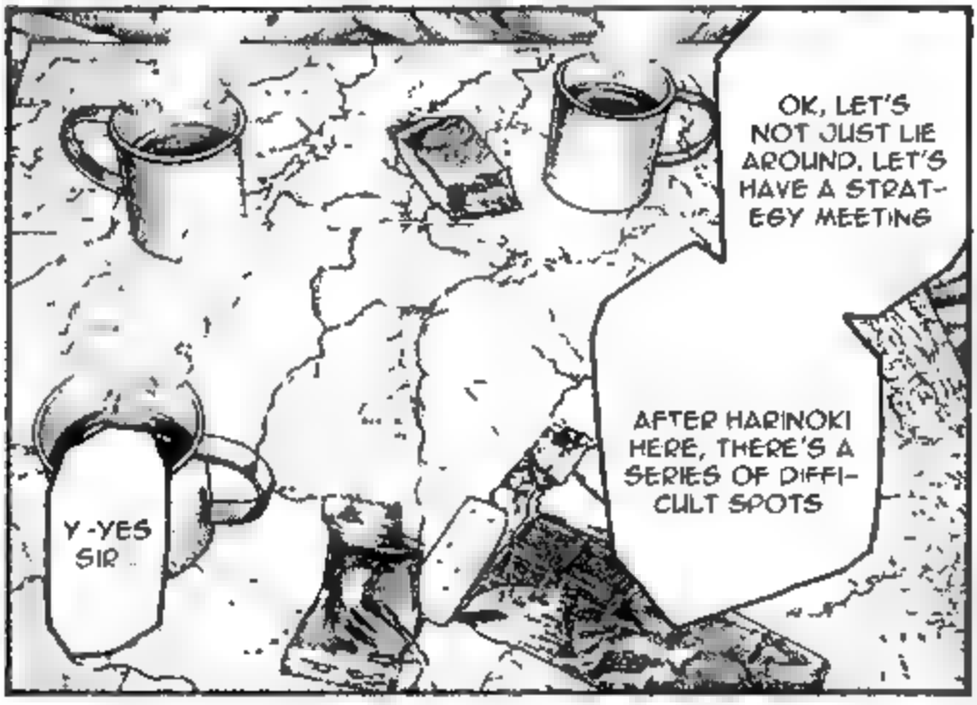


HE WHAT??

MORI'S TENT ISN'T HERE, DO YOU THINK
HE

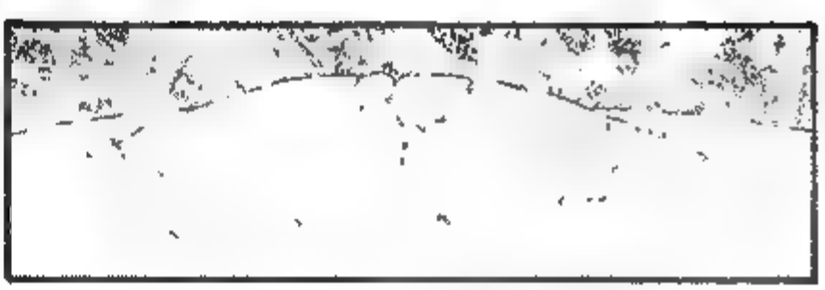
HE SAID HE'D GO DOWN THE MOUNTAIN HIMSELF.
SO EVEN IF HE LOSES HIS FOOTING, FALLS AND DIES, IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH US

I'M SURE HE WENT DOWN SHINKOSHI RIDGE.
THE OUSI-SAWA STA-TION IS RIGHT THERE, AFTER ALL... I THINK IT'S... THE RIGHT DECI-SION TO MAKE, BUT


OK, LET'S NOT JUST LIE AROUND. LET'S HAVE A STRAT-EGY MEETING
AFTER HARINOKI HERE, THERE'S A SERIES OF DIFFI-CULT SPOTS
Y-YES SIR...

FROM HERE, ONCE WE'VE CROSSED MOUNT EBOUSHI, THE ALL-MOUNTAIN TRAVERSAL IS IN THE BAG.
IN THE INTEREST OF SAVING TIME, WE'LL MAKE OUR WAY FORMING A PATH THROUGH THE SNOW.
BUT THE SNOW'S DEEP AND IT'S A DIFFICULT SPOT.
KUNIEDA, YOU COLLECT THE TENT AND CATCH UP TO US!!
12/25 7:27 AM Air Temperature -19°C
---Mount Harinoki Mountain Pass---

YES, SIR



MOUNTAIN

I'LL FORM THE PATH THROUGH THE SNOW.
YOU GO COLLECT THE TENT!!!
KU_ KUNIEDA-SAN!?
NI_ NIIMI_!!!
FOLLOW MY ORDERS!!!
WAIT. KUNIEDA!?
!!

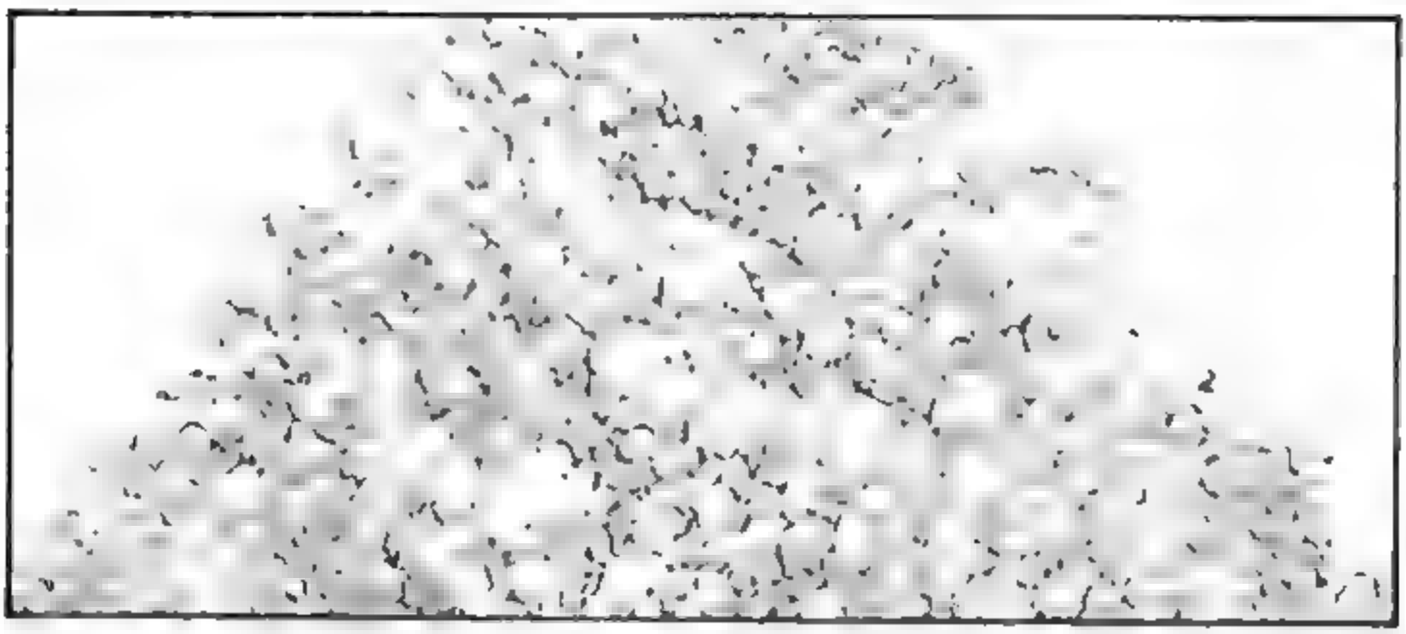
...I CAN'T BELIEVE
YOU WERE BIV-OUAC NG IN THE SCHRUND BACK THEN...

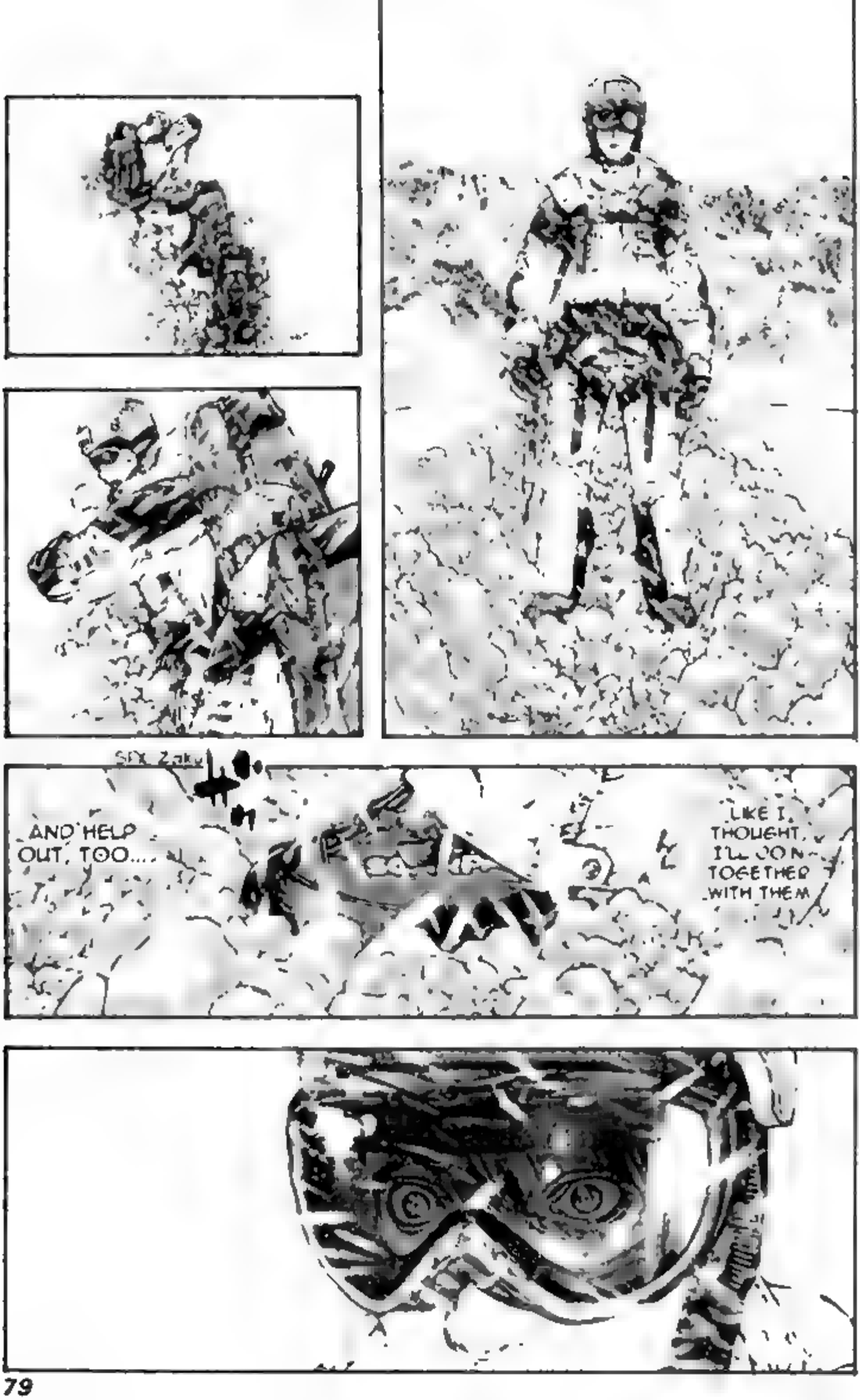
EH?

MORI, SORRY...
I D O HOR-R BLE TH NGS TO YOU...

WE...

MIGHT BE... PAYING FOR OUR SINS...

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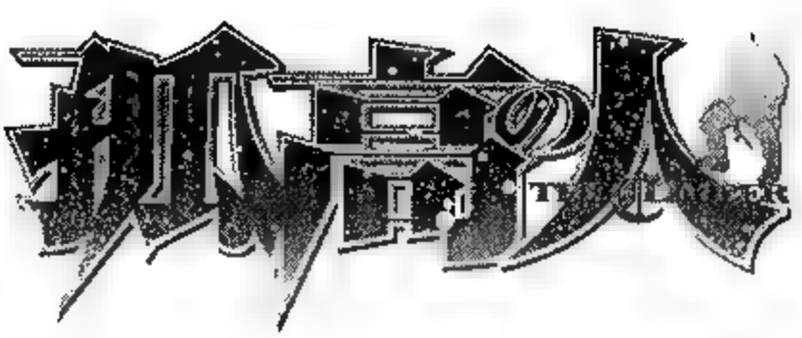
AND HELP OUT, TOO....
LIKE I THOUGHT, I'LL JOIN TOGETHER WITH THEM



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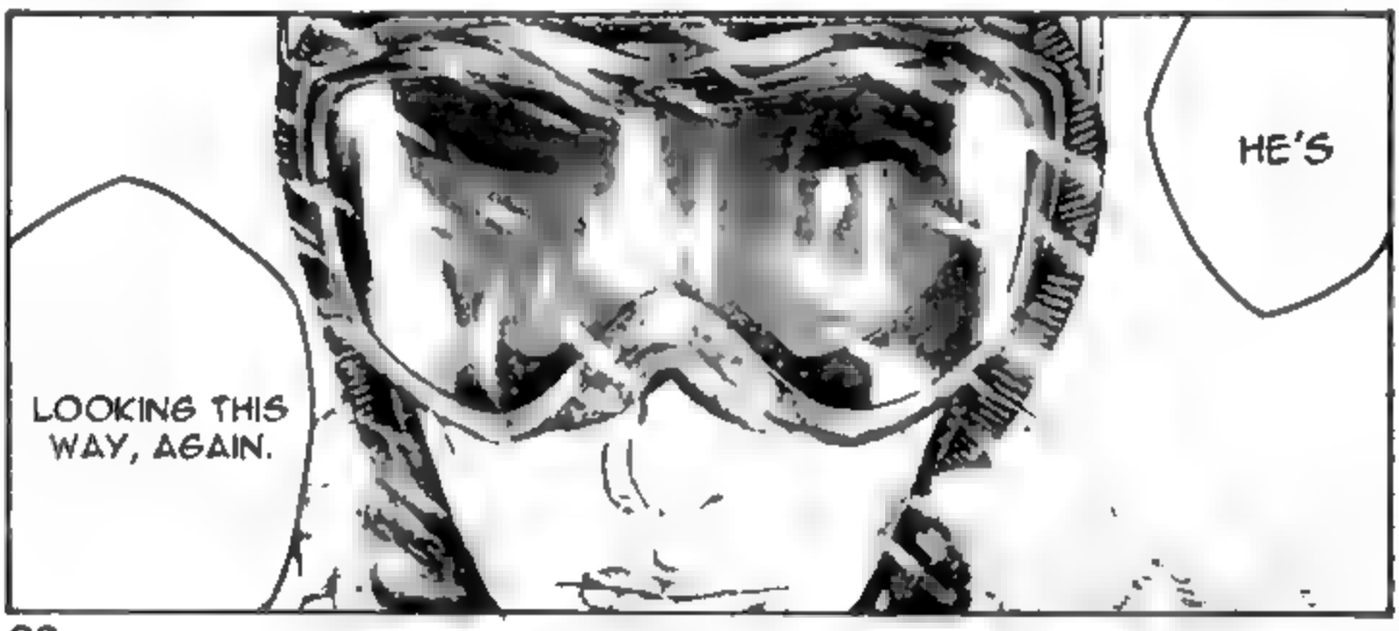
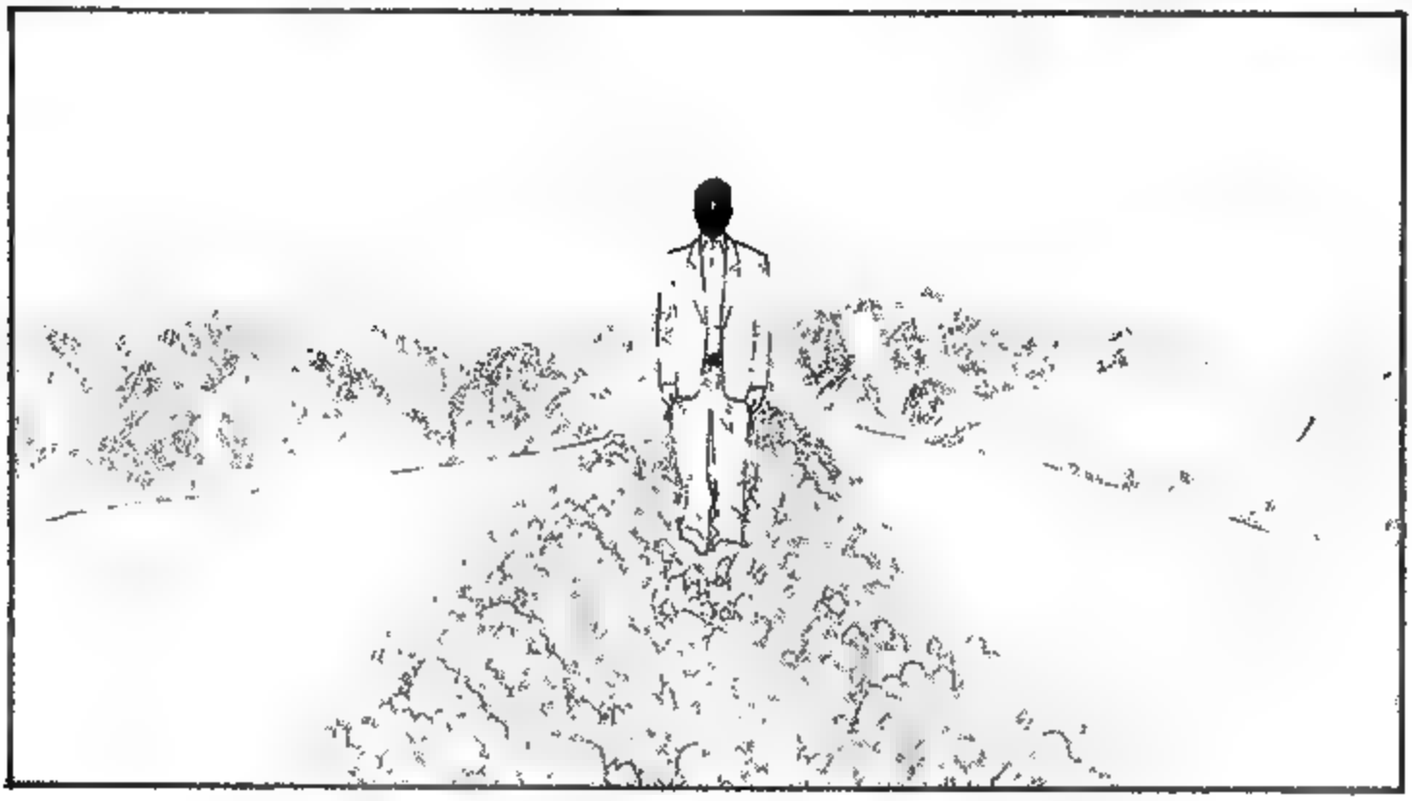


NIIMI, DON'T BE SLOW.
WE HAVE TO REACH FUNAKUBO TODAY NO MATTER WHAT!!
Y-YES, SIR

IF WE MOVE FORWARD, SO DOES HE. IF WE STOP, HE DOES TOO...
IF YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING TO SAY, SPIT IT OUT ALREADY!!!



SOMETHING
WITH HIM,
HA.
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT... EVER SINCE THAT MOMENT...
OUR FATES... MIGHT HAVE BEEN DECIDED...

HEH...
IT'S NICE TO HAVE SOME TEMPORARY CONSOLA-TION..
IF EVERY-ONE'S DEAD...
BUT... WE STILL DON'T KNOW FOR SURE...

SFX: KAH

INSPECTOR OBANA, A NEW CORPSE HAS BEEN RECOV-ERED!!

IT'S ON THE SLOPE OF MOUNT EBOUSHI, 670 METERS BELOW THE PEAK!!

WE FOUND THE NAME "MURATA" WRITTEN ON ONE OF HIS POSSESSIONS!!

WE HAVEN'T YET VERIFIED HIS IDENTITY, BUT

EY, MORI... THAT "KUNIEDA-SAN"

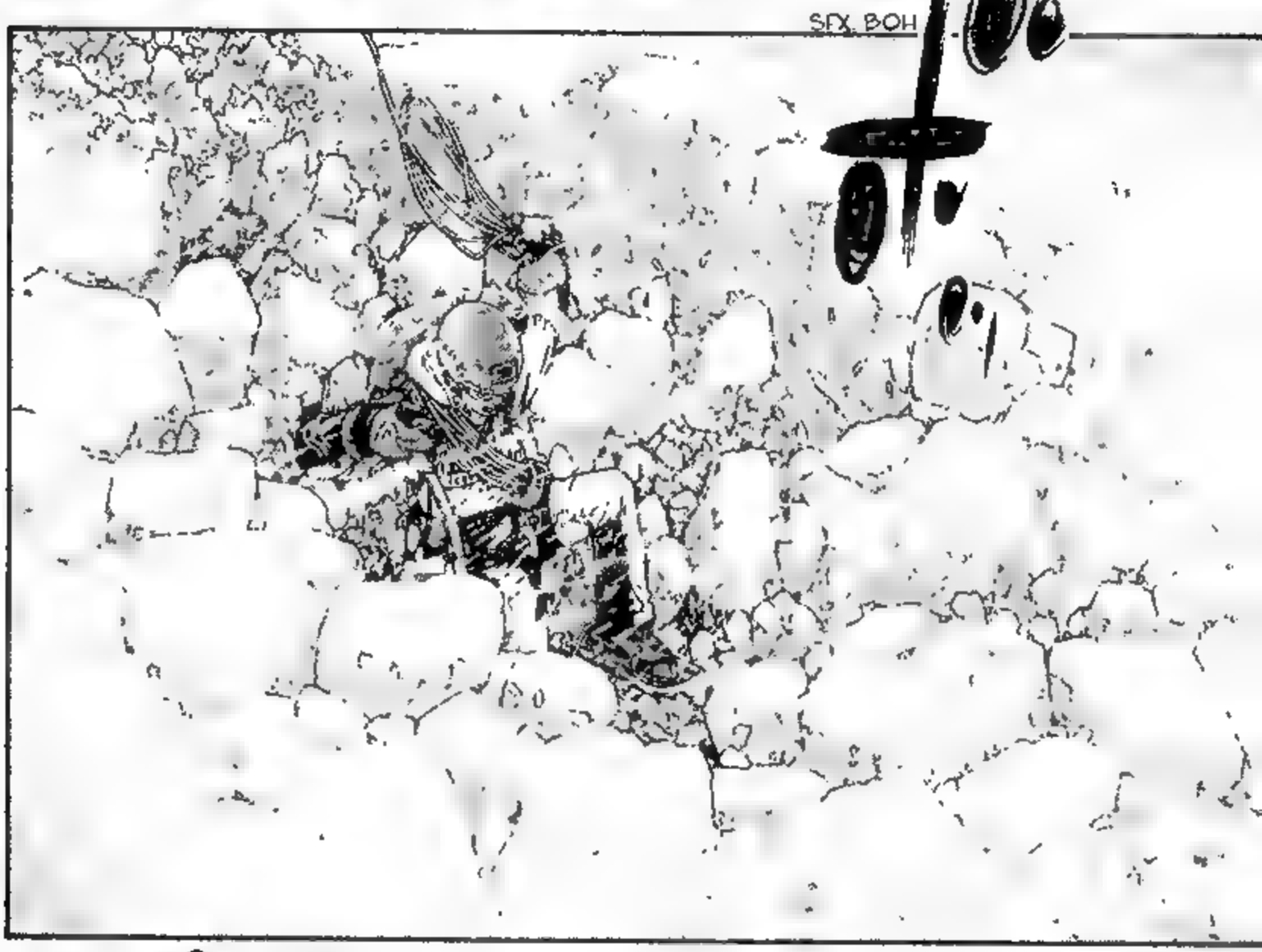
EH?

TURNS OUT HE'S REALLY CALLED MURATA...

With someone with no parents, lovers, close friends, whom we didn't know what he was hiding deep-down,
We coolly put our lives in each others hands with...

SFX. Zah zah
SFX: Zaku zaku
SFX; Zah zah
FASTER ..!!
FASTER !!!

WE HAVE TA CHOOSE OUR ROUTE WITH DISCRETION HE-...
SLOW YOUR PACE. KUNIEDA!!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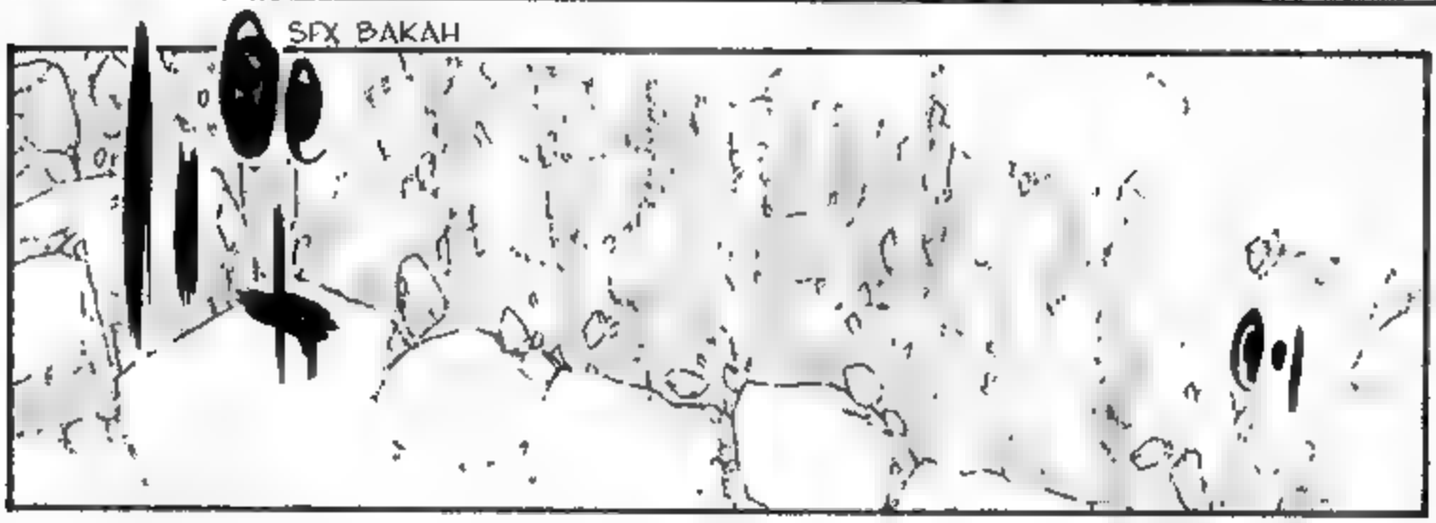
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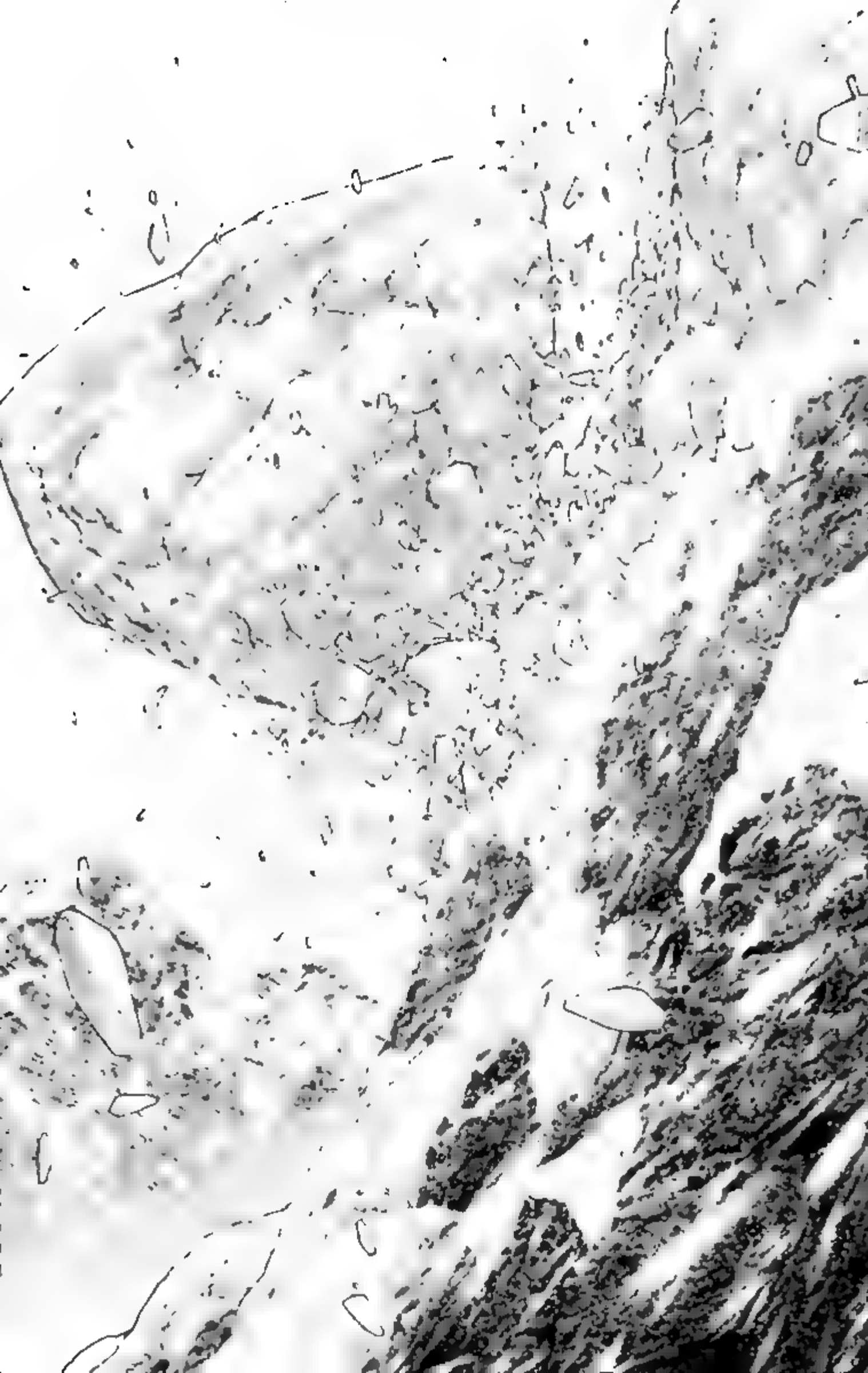
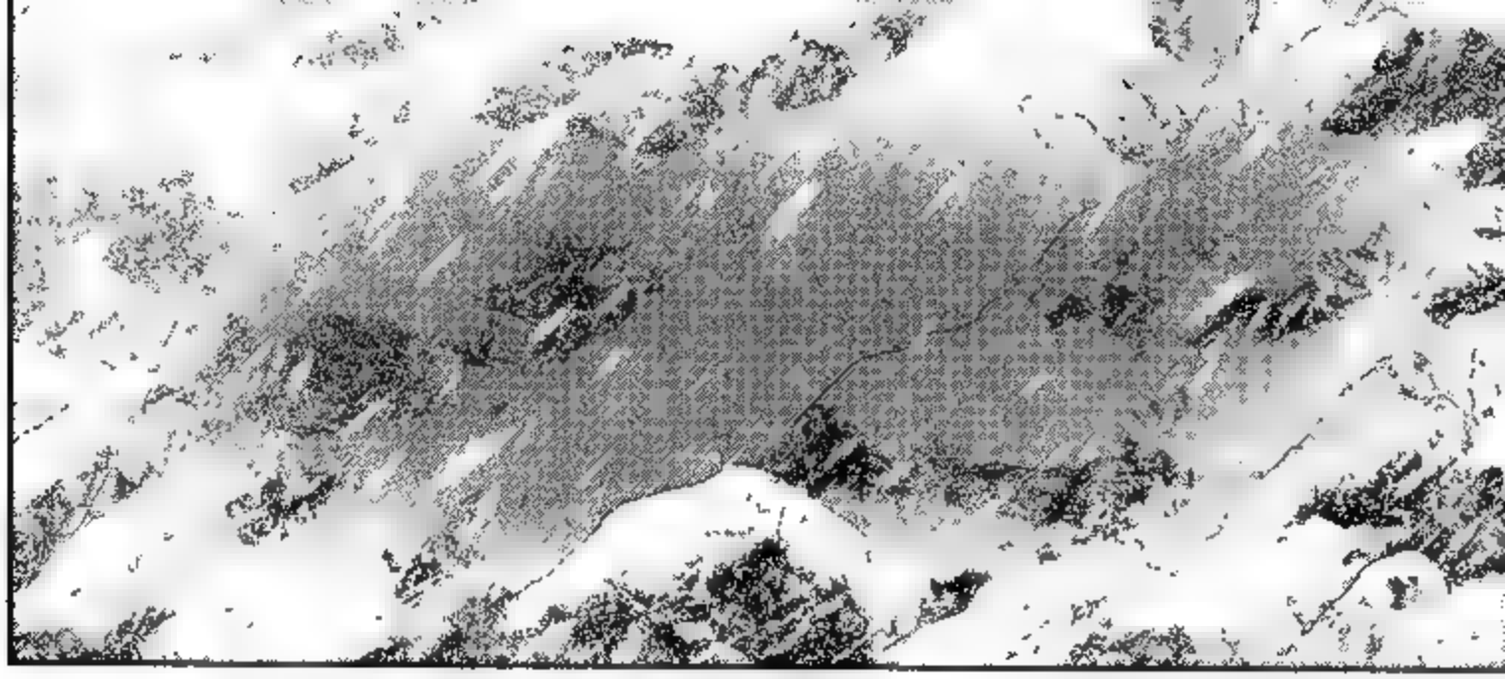
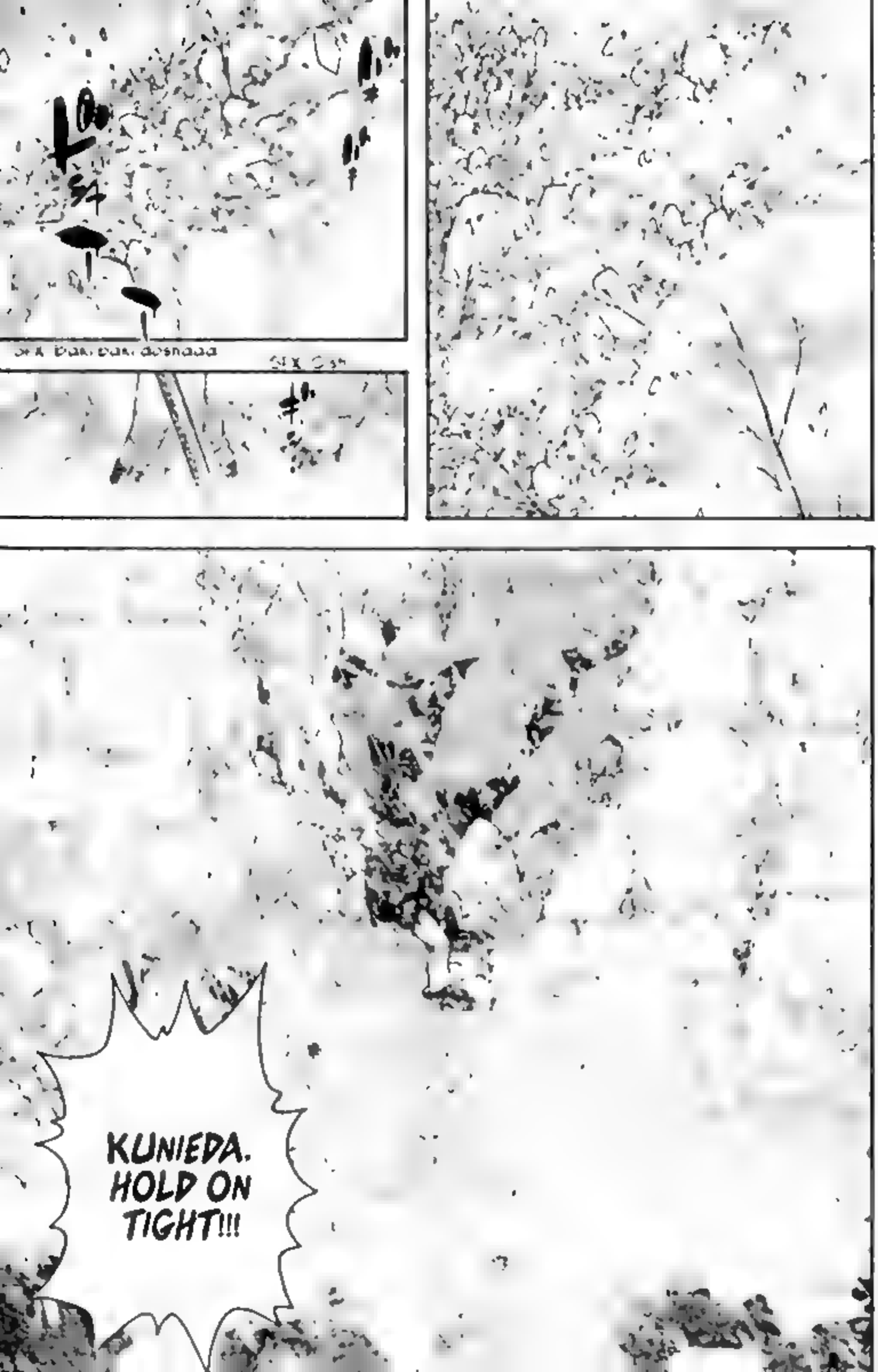





KUNIEDA.
HOLD ON
TIGHT!!!

PAST HARINOKI, THE RIDGE LINE IS REALLY TOUGH, BENDING UP AND DOWN ALL OVER.

YOU SHOULD BE WELL AWARE OF THE COMPLEXITY OF HOW THE SNOW OVER-HANGS JUT OUT, AND HOW DELICATE YOU HAVE TO BE!!!

12/25 11:26 AM Air Temperature -18°C
14 Mountain
K2 East-Face Simulation Training
Northern Alps All-Mountain Traversal.
Day 12

IF YOU'D BEEN IN THE CENTER OF A SNOW OVERHANG, ALL TOGETHER WITH THE CLIMBING ROPES WE'D HAVE BEEN DRAGGED DOWN, TOO!!

IT WAS A GOOD THING YOU FELL FROM THE SCHR-UND AT THE BASE OF THE OVERHANG.

VICE CAP-TAIN, THIS IS A BIT ODD...

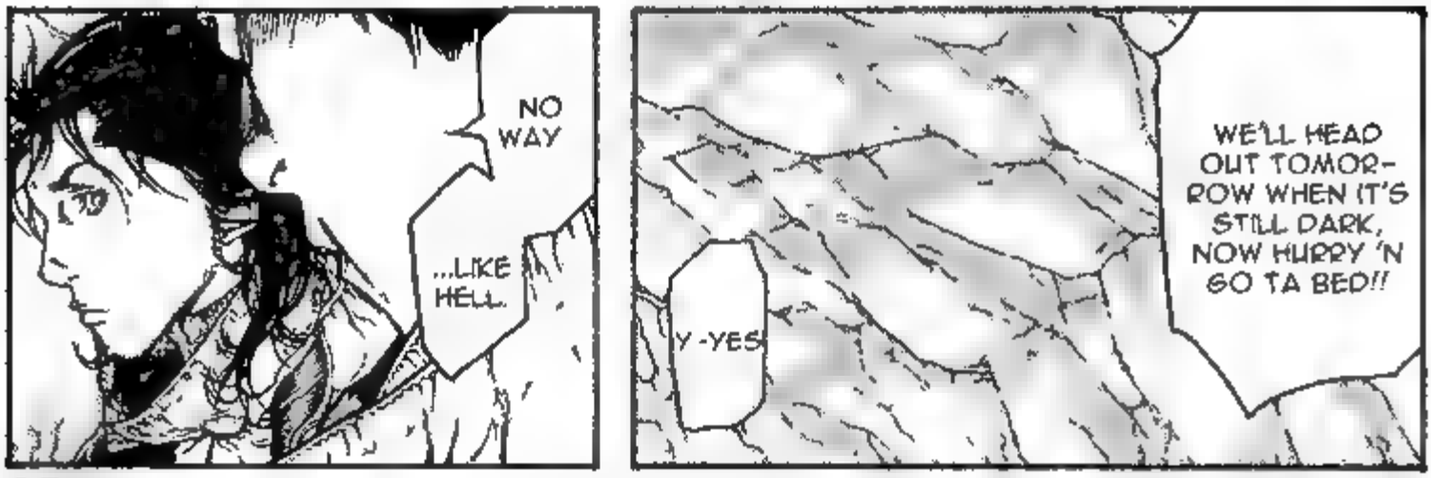
AND ON TOP OF THAT, DOESN'T THAT KINDA SEEM LIKE CYA-NOSIS ON HIS LIPS?

HIS REACTIONS HAVE ARE DULL, AND SOMETHING'S OFF WITH HOW HIS EYES ARE FOCUSING, TOO.

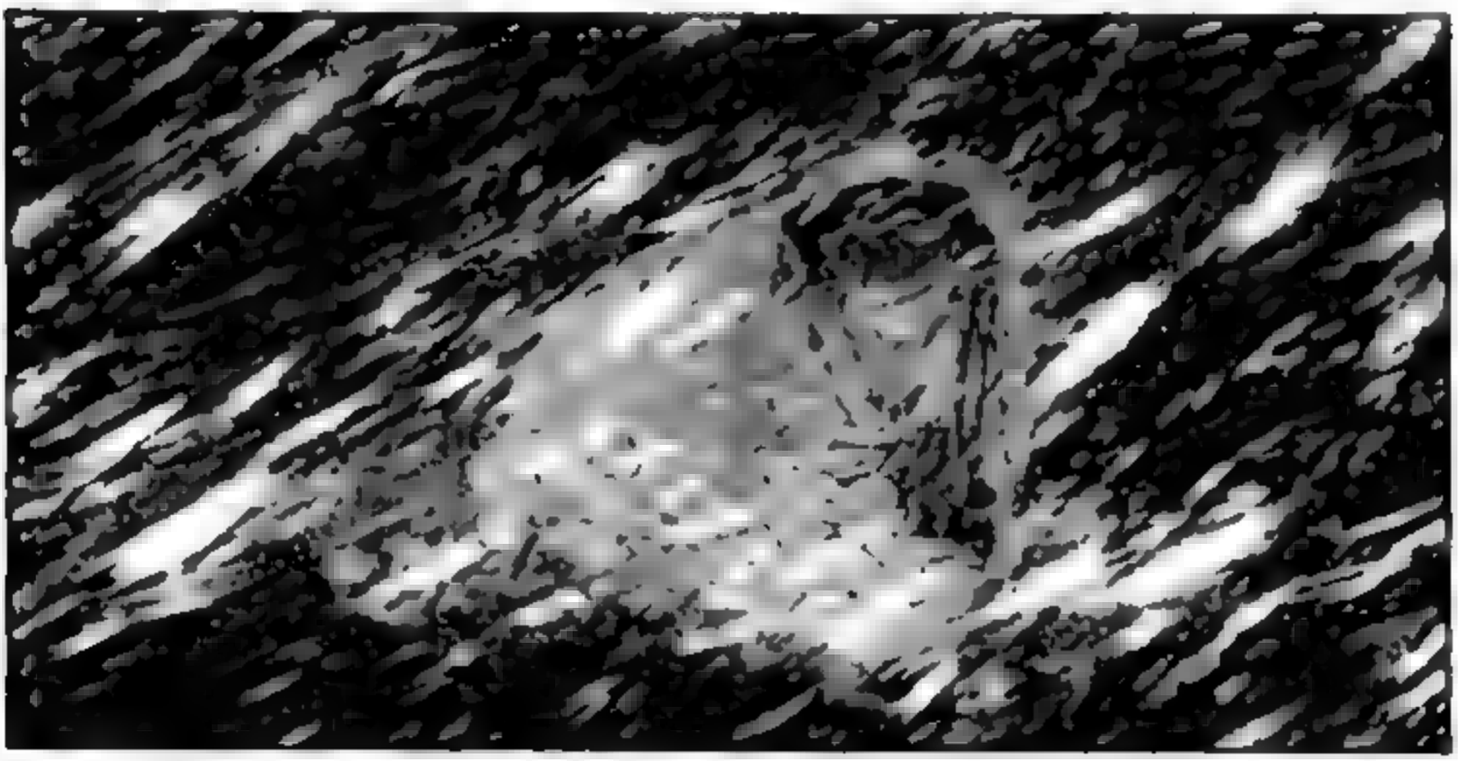
DON'T YOU THINK IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR US TO TAKE BACK MORI FROM HERE?
AND SINCE YESTERDAY, KUNIEDA-SAN HASN'T BEEN EATING WELL.
DO YOU THINK MAYBE HE'S GOTTEN *HYPO-THERMIA...?

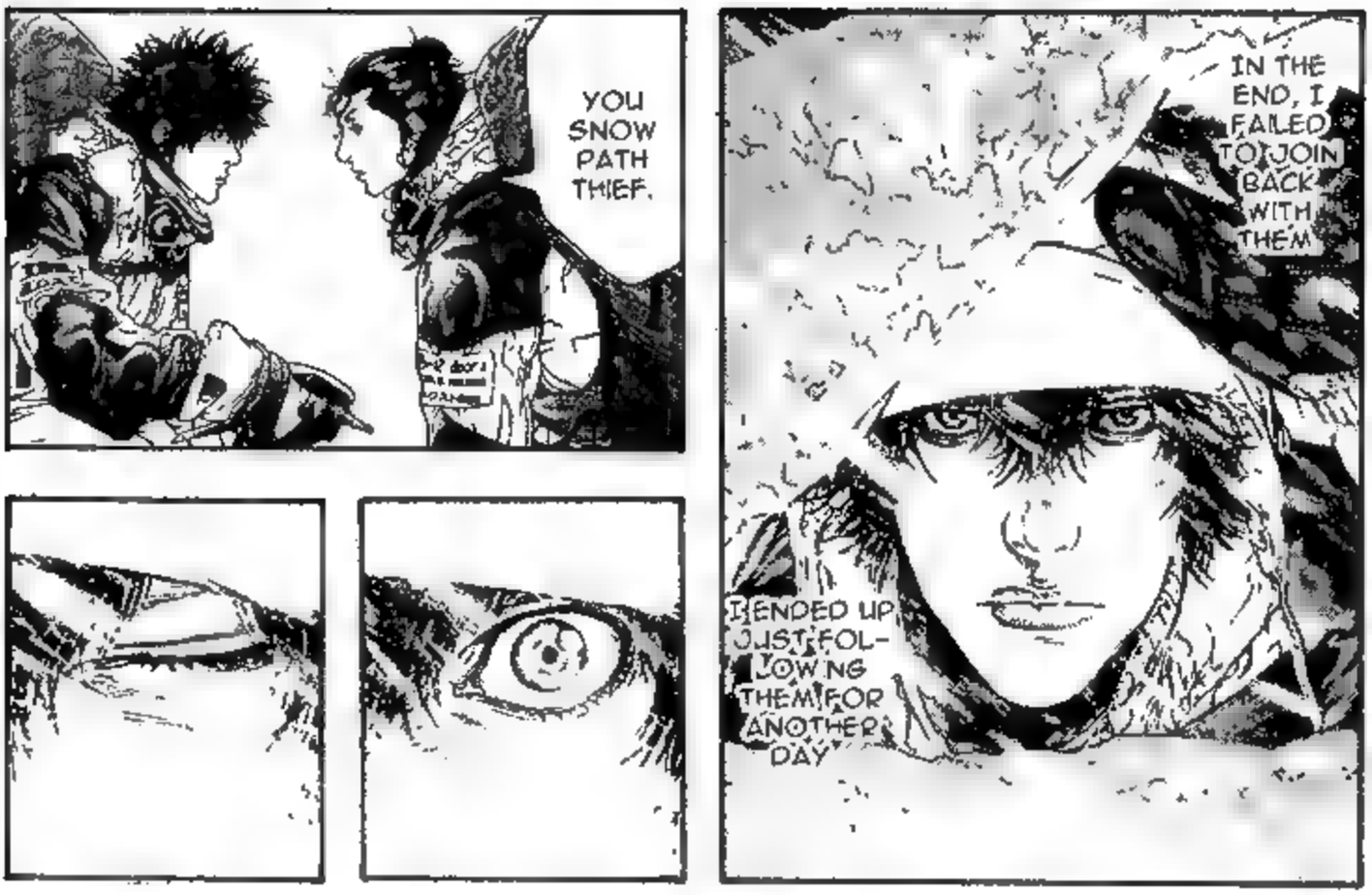
*A condition where your body temperature goes lower than 35°C. If left untreated, various abnormalities in one's physiology occur

WHEN WE GO TO THE REAL K2, THERE'S GONNA BE VERY FEW PEOPLE IN THE ATTACK IN THE END.
WE'VE GOT NO USE FOR TRAITORS!!!
THIS'S THE PROPER WAY FOR PERSONAL HONOR!!

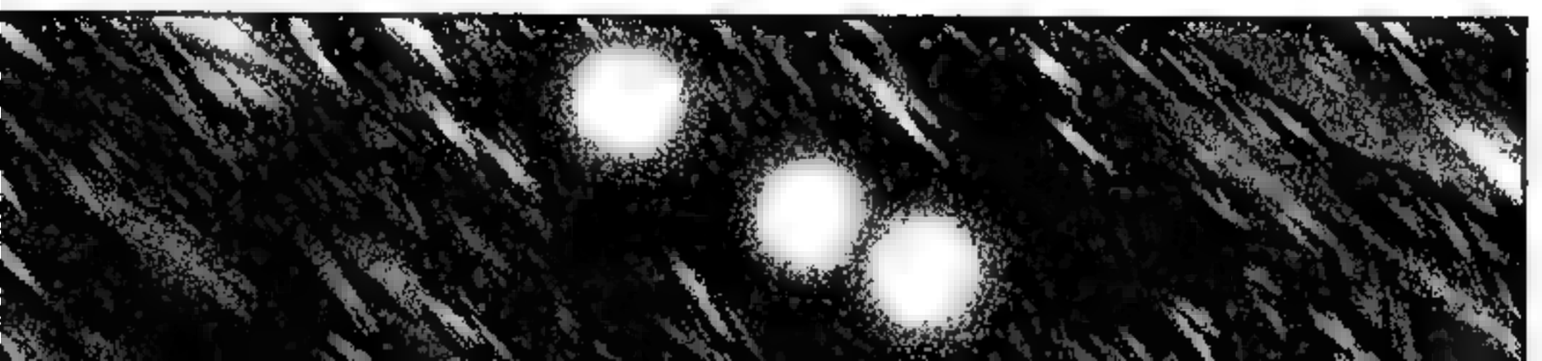


I'LL DEFI-
NITELY GET
AWAY...

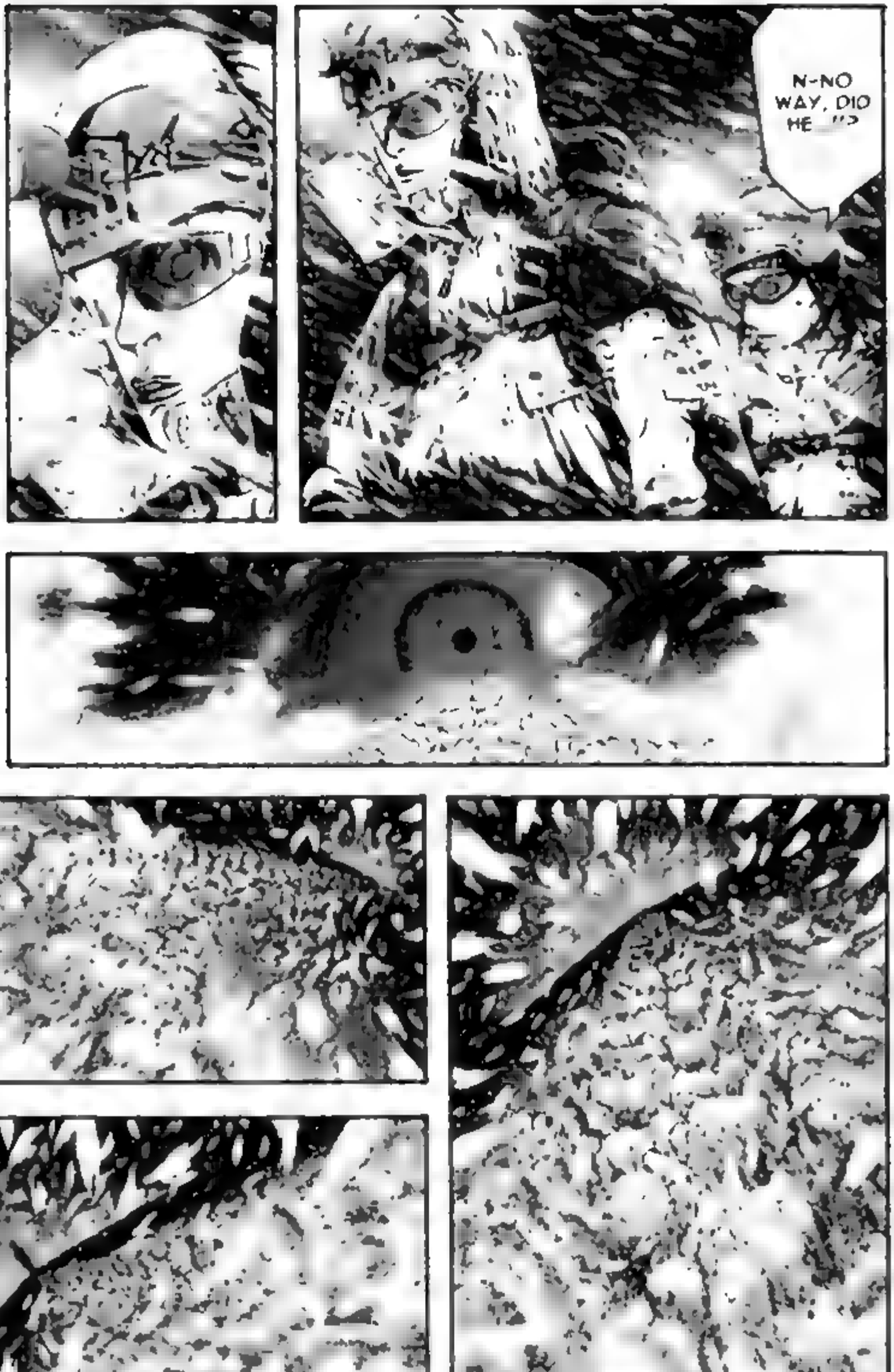


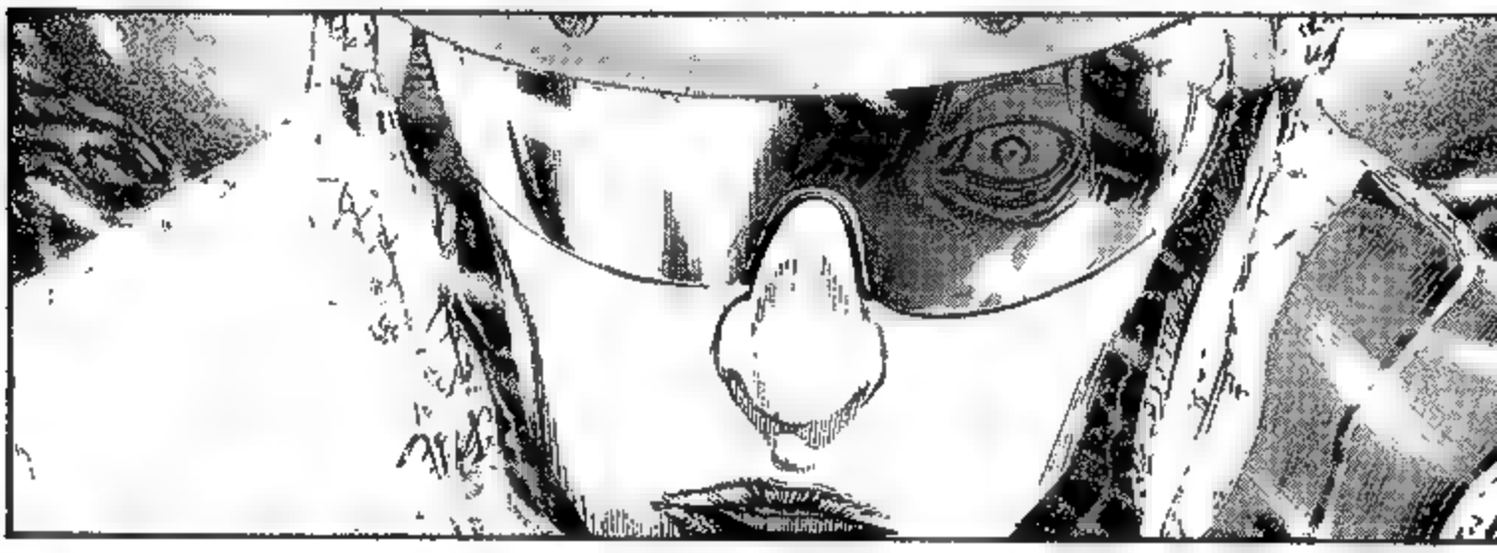

YOU SNOW PATH THIEF.
IN THE END, I FAILED TO JOIN BACK WITH THEM
I ENDED UP JUST FOL-LOWING THEM FOR ANOTHER DAY

I SHOULD STOP THIS IS ALREADY MEANINGLESS
WHAT KIND OF WINTER MOUNTAINEERING IS FOLLOWING IN PEOPLE'S FOOTPRINTS?



VICE CAPTAIN."
!!
GOT IT? YOU GUYS'LL BE CONT INUING FOR 24 HOURS TODAY
NO MATTER WHAT, WE'LL MAKE IT TO EBOSHI IN ONE GO!!!


N-NO WAY, DID HE...?



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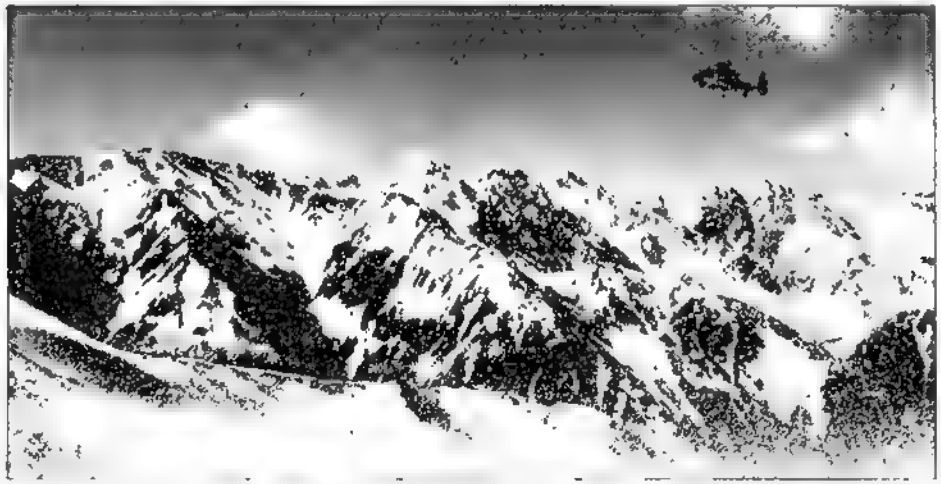
7.
/8th Climb - Dangerous Ridge
Traversal Path

I WOULD THINK THE CORPSE THAT ARRIVED IS
I DUNNO, WE'LL HAVE TO GO SEE ..

The Miraculous Return Home from the Disaster in the Northern Alps



At Kaerazu no Ken where Kase-san's corpse is recovered by a Nagano Police helicopter. December 31st 2:15PM. photo by Hokamado Kouji.

The Youngest Team Member Descends the Mountains On His Own

An 11-day long blizzard, a wandering treck of death

On the 5th day late at night, at the end of the year last December, member of the mountaineering association "14 Mountain"'s team which met with an accident, Mori Buntarou san (20) safely descended the mountains to Domachi City of the Nagano Prefecture on his own power. Mori-san, though weakened, is relatively healthy and is reporting the circumstances of the event to the Domachi police. Elsewhere, following the recovery of Kase Akihiko-san on December 31st, this morning the corpse of Niimi Taku-san (21) by the testimony of Mori-san, was discovered by the search party helicopter nearby Mount Eboshi, and recovered. The survival of the remaining two team members is seen as unhopeful. (A related article is on the society page.)

A miraculous return alive. On the 23rd day since they entered the mountains, 9 days after the planned descent. Feeling the survival of the team was hopeless, the Nagano Police had even planned to suspend the search on the morning of the 6th. That target, the the Domachi Hot Spring Hotel, Mori-san gave the information that he had descended the mountain. The 5 members of "14 Mountain" entered the mountains last year on December 14th. According the their plan, starting at Oyashirazu in the Niigata Prefecture, to Mount Shirouma, passing the Ushiro-Tateyama Mountain Range to Mount Yari, they would do an all-mountain traversal of the Northern Alps with a planned descent within the year. On the 21st, a representative of the same association, Yuusuke Ninomiya, temporarily joined them on Mount Shirouma. According to representative Ninomiya, "There were a few delays at that point in the mountain crossing, but things were going smoothly." However, at the end of a phone call mode on a satellite phone on the 22nd, contact with the Tokyo Headquarters of the same company was cut off, and received no more news from the team. The company had their last communication in Kaerazu no Ken and the centrel original search began. Furthermore, when the planned day of descent, the 28th, passed, they submitted the request to the Nagano Police for a search. With top climbers representing Japan having an accident, a large-scale search from land and sky is occurring.

On the 31st, Kase-san's body was discovered on Kaerazu no Ken. From the condition of the body, after having died from a fall, Kase-san's body was moved to a stable place, the team seemingly continued the traversal further. Afterwards, they moved to where the search is centralized, Mount Goryuu and Mount Koshima Yari. However, with the range of the search reaching a wide area, at that time due to strong winter-type pressure patterns, the bad weather has made the search difficult. From the start of January, the position of the search has been curtailed. The team is thought to have met with the accident on Mount Eboshi, far exceeding in progression on the traversal from where the search party had guessed. This point has also been part of cause for the trouble the search has faced. In order to find the remaining two people, and find exactly what happened among the mountains, we are still awaiting a full explanation.

Commented the company representative Ninomiya, "To the many people very much troubled and worried by this, our sincere apologies. Today, team-member Niimi's corpse was recovered, but this sort of unusual result is regrettable. We will be continually believing in the survival of the other team members and searching with all available resources. And now last night team member Mori has descended the mountain on his own. His indomitable will to live is the most

Komatsu Tatsuji-san [52]

Kase Akihiko-san [36]

climbers. According to the same company, at 20 degrees below freezing in violent wind and deep snow, after they ran through the Northern Alps at once, their last mountain run would be Mount Shokuyou with high difficulty rock climbing as was said. But with the morning support and unusual occurrences in the traversal if that were passed it would for the most part had been succeeded. With the mountains in Japan

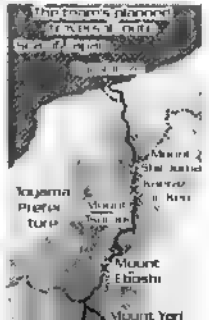
The "All-Mountain Traversal of the Northern Alps in the Coldest Period of Winter" that "14 Mountain" went on was scheduled for the year 20, as training for the same company's project,"K2 East-Face Shangri La" K2 is second to Everest as the world's second highest peak. The East Face possesses deep snow and troublesome rock walls. It is an untrodden face that has yet to be climbed. Said to be the climbing world's last great unclimbed area. Aiming for that initial climb, that this time met with disaster, first convened last year in June. They were some of Japan's leading top

The other 4 team members By this morning, one corpse has been

Mori Buntarou-san entering the Nagano Domachi North Police Station. 8:20 AM on the 6th. photo by Takano Yoshito

[Northern Alps]

Located in the Chu-Sangaku National Park, a mountain range also known as the Hida Mountain Range. Boasting the third highest point of elevation in Japan, Mount Hotaka, the beginning of the 5th highest, Mount Yari, a nearly 3000 meter peak in the Nagano Prefecture, and ranging to the Toyama Prefecture, and straddling the Gifu Prefecture. It is also called "The Roof of Japan". The name "Alps" was attached to it in the Meiji Era by the English surveyor William Bowland.



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NEWS

Follow-up report of the disastrous Northern Alps accident, one person has returned alive.

What happened in the dangerous mountaineering blizzard which produced several dead.

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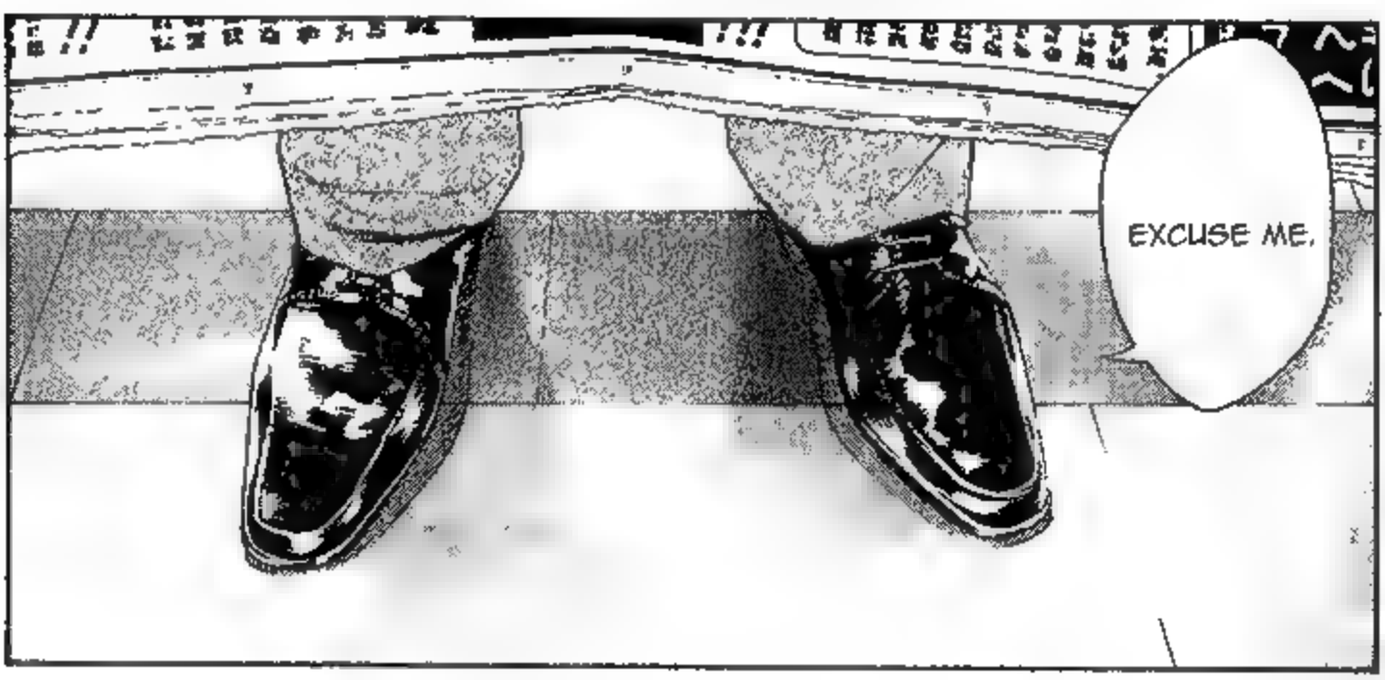

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Lost

KIRIYA

EXCUSE ME, BUT ARE YOU THE PERSON FROM 14 MOUNTAIN?
MY NAME IS KIRIYA.

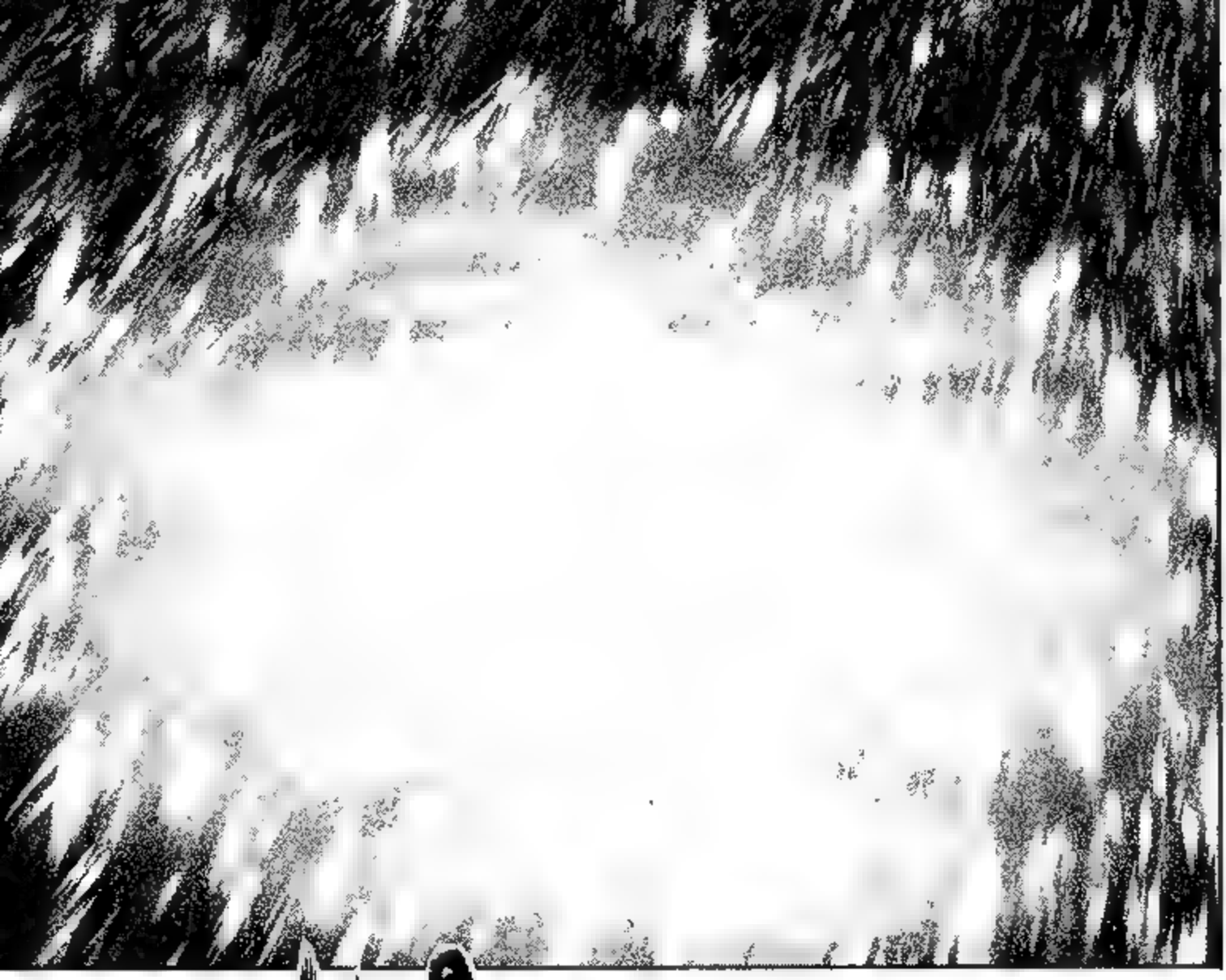
PLEASE REMEMBER!!!
IT'S "KIRIYA" ANYTHING IS FINE, PLEASE TELL ME!!!

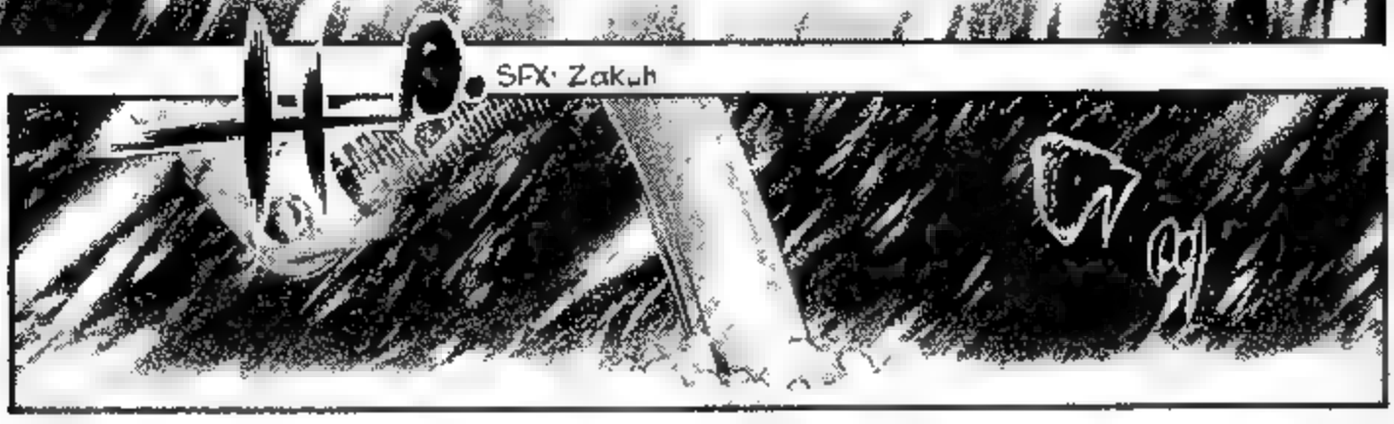
YOU'RE THE MORI BUNTAROU-SAN WHO CAME BACK FROM THE NORTHERN ALPS, AREN'T YOU!?
H.M... MURATA, DID HE SAY ANYTHING ABOUT A MAN NAMED "KIRIYA TOORU"!?

EH?

I'VE BEEN CONTINUALLY FOLLOWING HIM FOR 8 YEARS!!!
AFTER HIM. MURATA YASUFUMI.

PLEASE!!!




SFX: Zakuh

SFX: Zah

SFX: Guh guguh...

BUT I'M A MEMBER OF THE TEAM, TOO SO I CAN'T JUST BE OF NO USE TO EVERYONE

I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING THE PATH THAT EVERYONE ELSE HAS BEEN FORMING THIS WHOLE TIME, SO IT'S BEEN EASY

I'M SURE EVERYONE WILL UNDERSTAND THAT TOO"

AND IF I AM

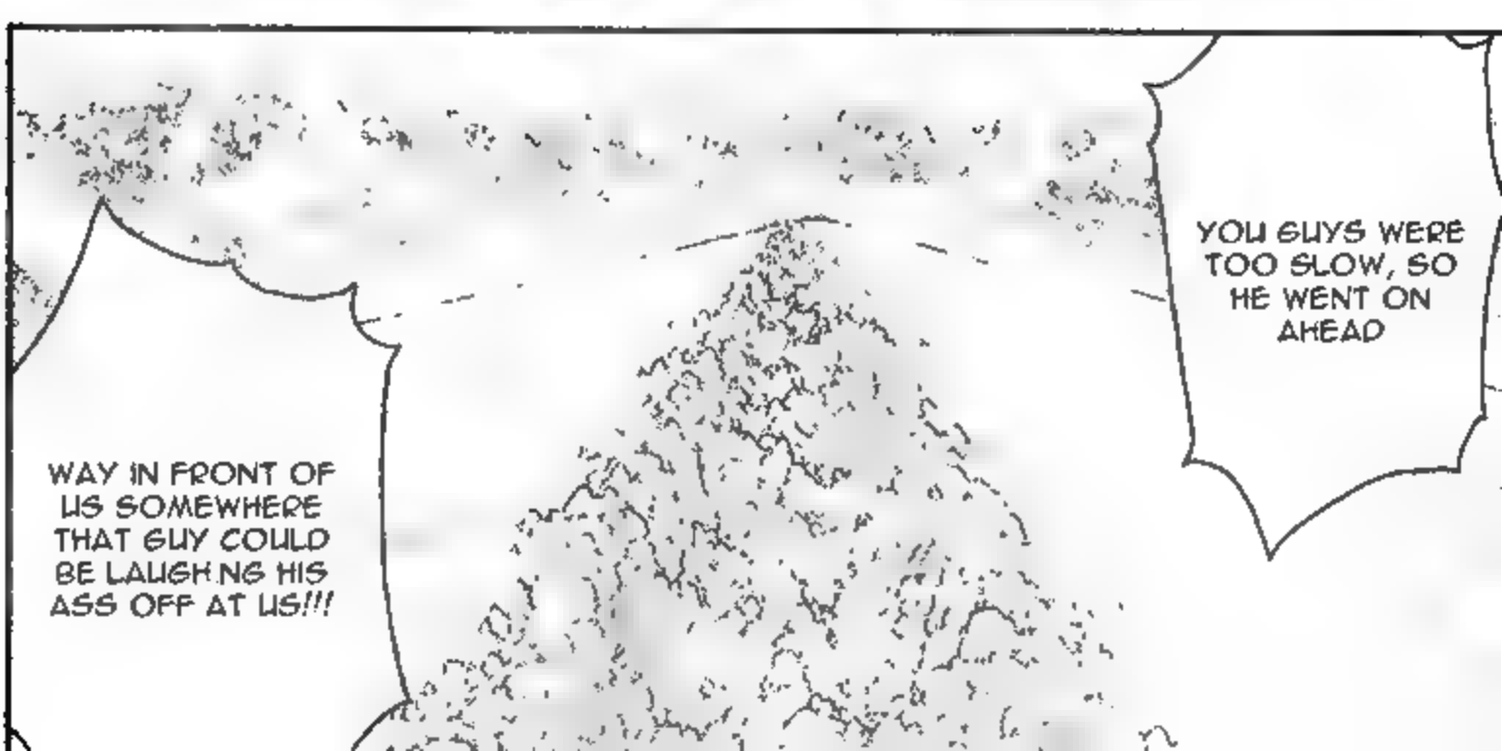
Temperature -11°C
14 Mountain
Northern Alps All-Mountain Traversal
Day 13
Current Location - Mount
Hinakubo~Mount Fudou---

YOU DON'T TH NK .. THAT MORI GUY, FOR OUR SAKES, HE'S..

PEH.

JUST HOW FAR DID HE CONTINUE THIS .
TH S SNOW PATH . !!?
12/26 7.46 AM Air Temperature -16°C
---Mount Funakubo~Mount Fudou---

THIS IS A PATH TO MAKE FUN OF US.
NO...

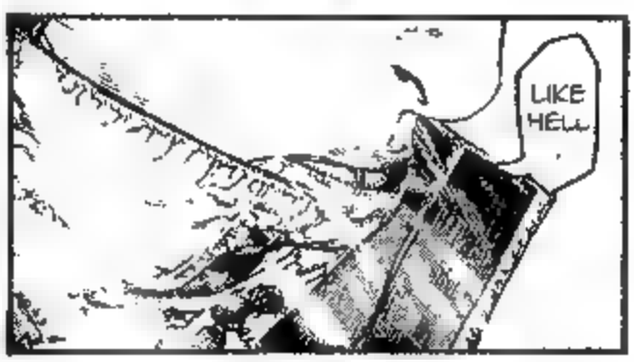

YOU GUYS WERE TOO SLOW, SO HE WENT ON AHEAD
WAY IN FRONT OF US SOMEWHERE THAT GUY COULD BE LAUGH NG HIS ASS OFF AT US!!!

SFX GAH
KUN EDA, GO!!
NO MATTER WHAT, WE'LL CATCH UP TO THAT GUY AND TAKE BACK THE TOP!!
SFX BAH
DON'T TOUCH MY RUCKSACK!!!
SFX HAA

O... OKAY
I'VE ALREADY TAKEN THE TOP PLENTY, SO... THAT'S ENOUGH FOR NOW, RIGHT...?
NAMI, YOU TAKE IT, GO.

I'M GOING THEN...

LIKE HELL I'LL BE AMBUSHED AGAIN..
THAT OLD MAN'S SO PERSISTENT


LIKE HELL

EH?

KUNI-EDAAAAAAA. YOU'RE SLOW!!!
WHATS THE PROBLEM. HURRY IT UUUUUUP!!!
IN THESE 8 YEARS, I'VE ALMOST CAUGHT HIM COUNTLESS TIMES,
AND HE ESCAPED COUNTLESS TIMES AS WELL.
WHEN I FOLLOWED HIM, HE'D CHANGE HIS JOB, ADDRESS, EVEN HIS NAME AND RUN AWAY...

INSPECTOR OBANA,

AREN'T YOU HUNG UP ON ANYTHING?

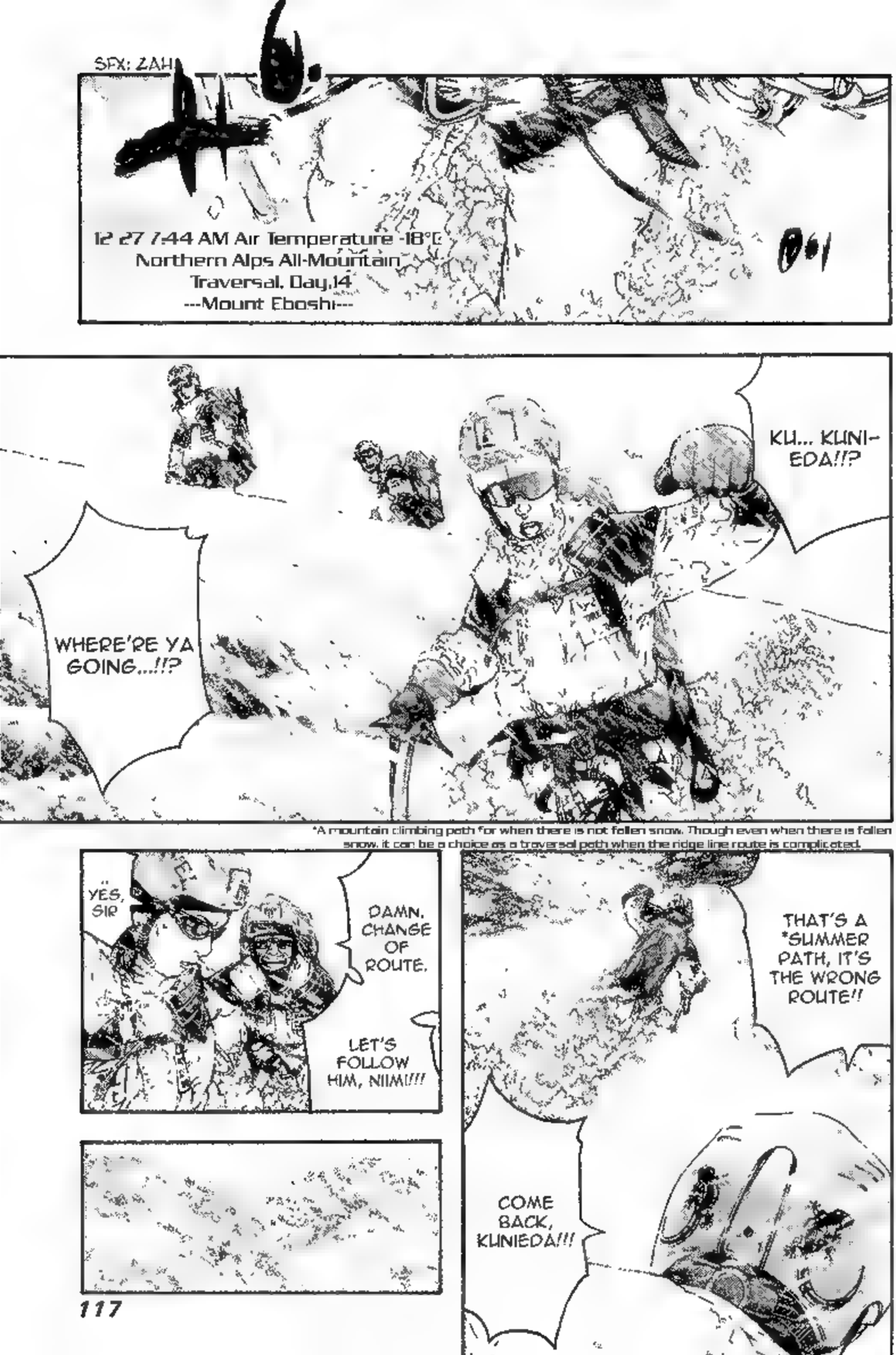
JUST WHEN I THOUGHT I'D FINALLY FOUND HIM,

TO SEE THE FRONT PAGE OF THAT NEWS-PAPER...

BUT WHY DID THEY FALL IF THEY WERE GOING ALONG THE SNOW PATH MORI MADE...?

MURATA YASUFUMI'S CORPSE WAS DISCOVERED IN THE DEBRIS JUST BELOW MOUNT EBOSHI, AND PROBABLY SO IS THE ONE WHO'S LOCATION IS CURRENTLY UNKNOWN, KOM-ATSU TATSUJI.

EVEN IF THERE WERE A DIFFERENT ROUTE...


SFX: ZAH
12 27 7:44 AM Air Temperature -18°C
Northern Alps All-Mountain
Traversal, Day,14
---Mount Eboshi---
KU... KUNI-EDA!!?
WHERE'RE YA GOING...!!?
*A mountain climbing path for when there is not fallen snow. Though even when there is fallen snow, it can be a choice as a traversal path when the ridge line route is complicated.
YES, SIR
DAMN. CHANGE OF ROUTE.
LET'S FOLLOW HIM, NIIM!!!
THAT'S A *SUMMER PATH, IT'S THE WRONG ROUTE!!
COME BACK, KUNIEDA!!!

SFX: ZAH ZAH
SFX: ZAH ZAH
SFX: ZAH ZAH
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?
KL-KLN'EDA-SAN,
EH?
GRIVEL

NO, WHERE ARE YOU LOOK-ING!!!?

LOOK, HE'S THERE. OVER THERE, THAT OLD MAN...!!!

MORI ...!!!

LOOK. OVER THERE! THE 8TH FLOOR. THE 8TH!

OUTSIDE OF MY ROOM! NUMBER 805

THAT OLD MAN KIRIYA IS WAITING TO AMBUSH ME AGAIN. DAMMIT"

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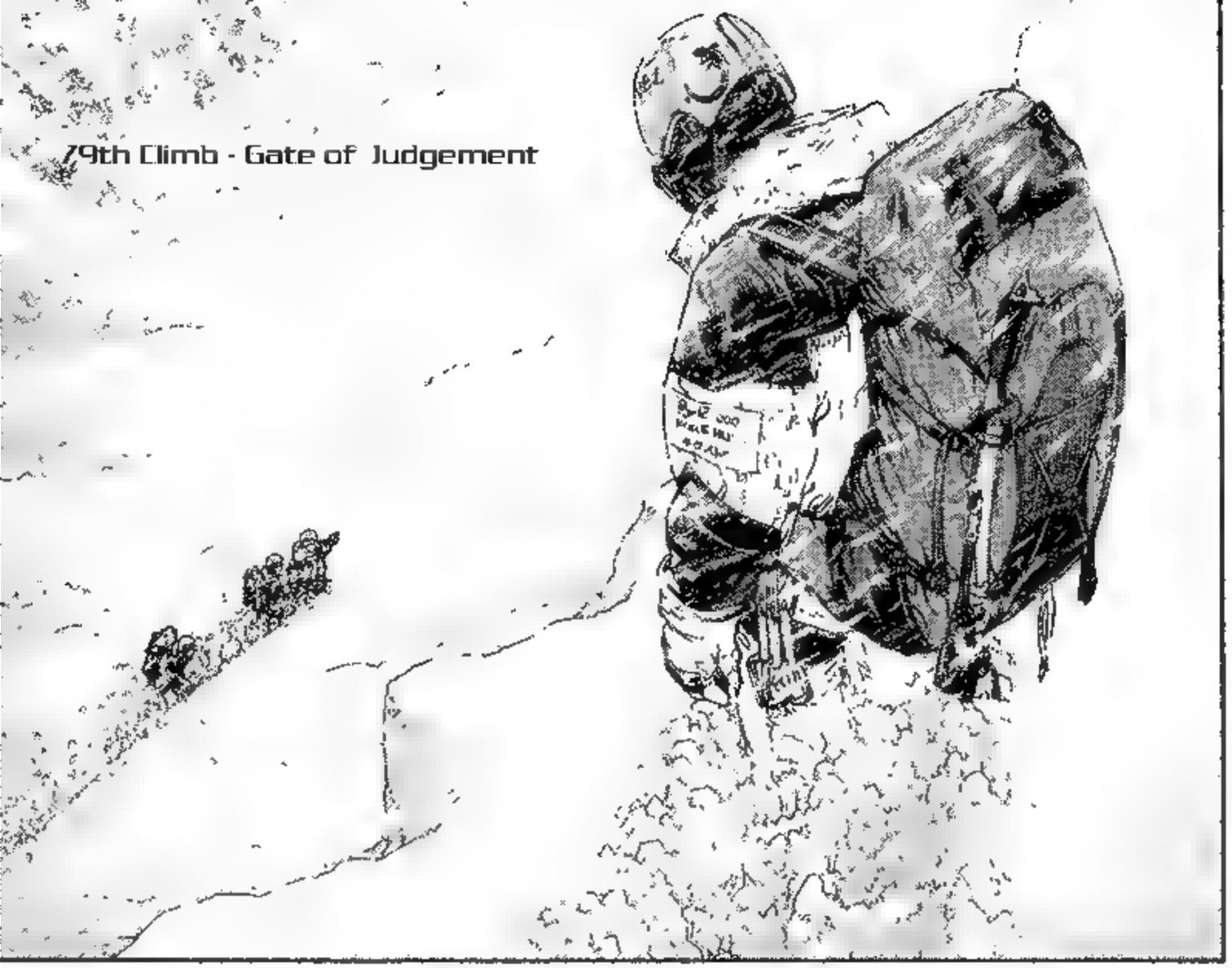
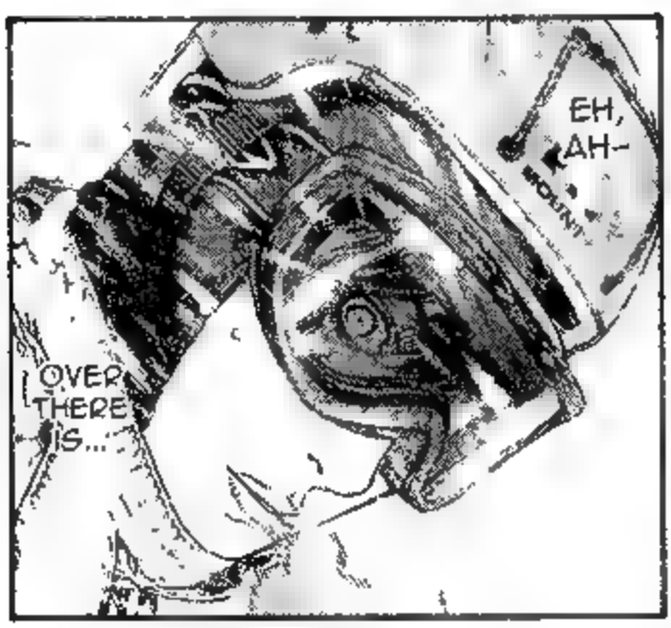


WHY IS EVERYONE WALKING BELOW THE RIDGE LINE ONTO THE SUMMER PATH, I?
WHAT'S GOING ON?!


EH, AH-
OVER THERE IS...

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79th Climb - Gate of Judgement

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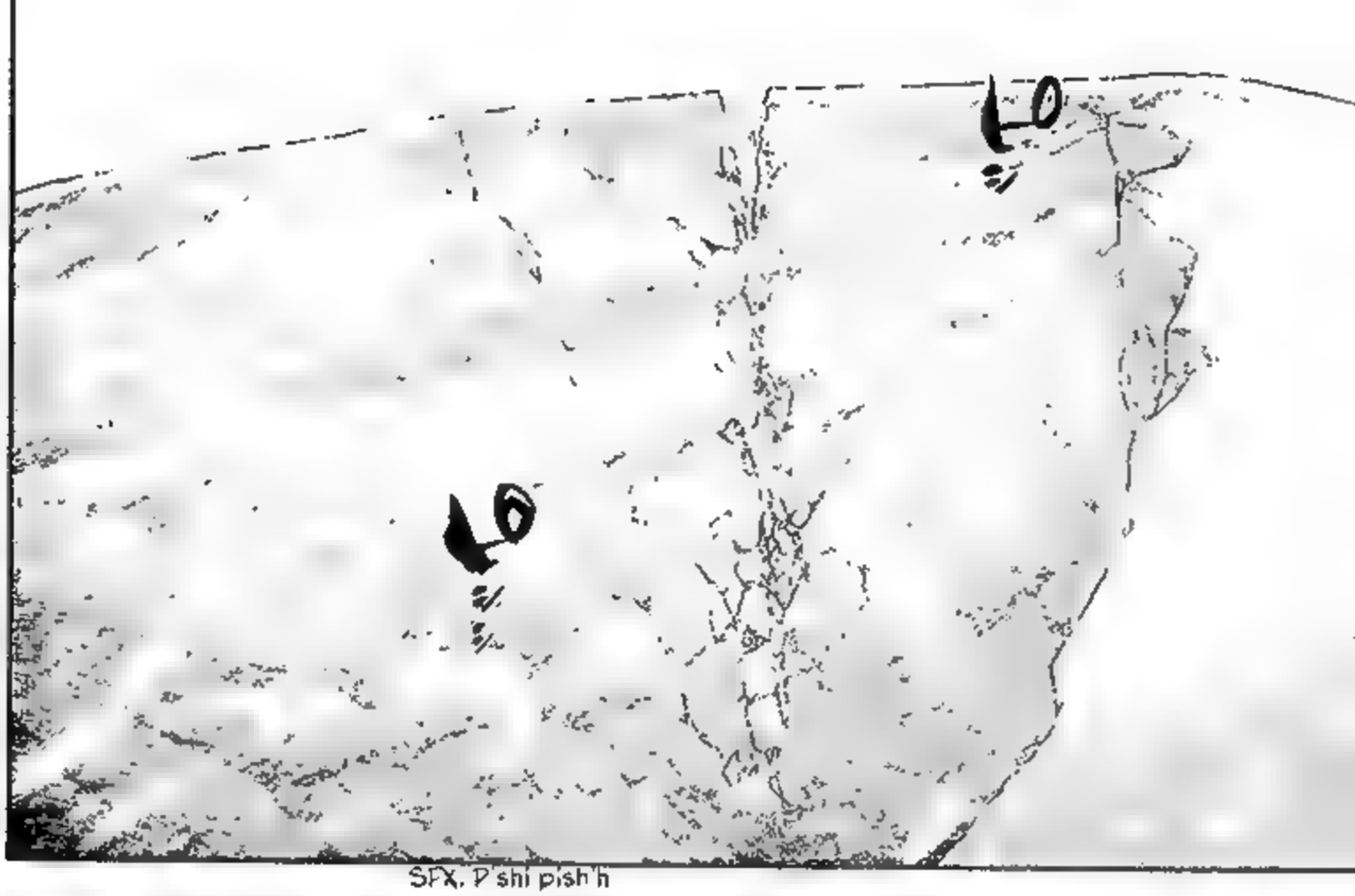
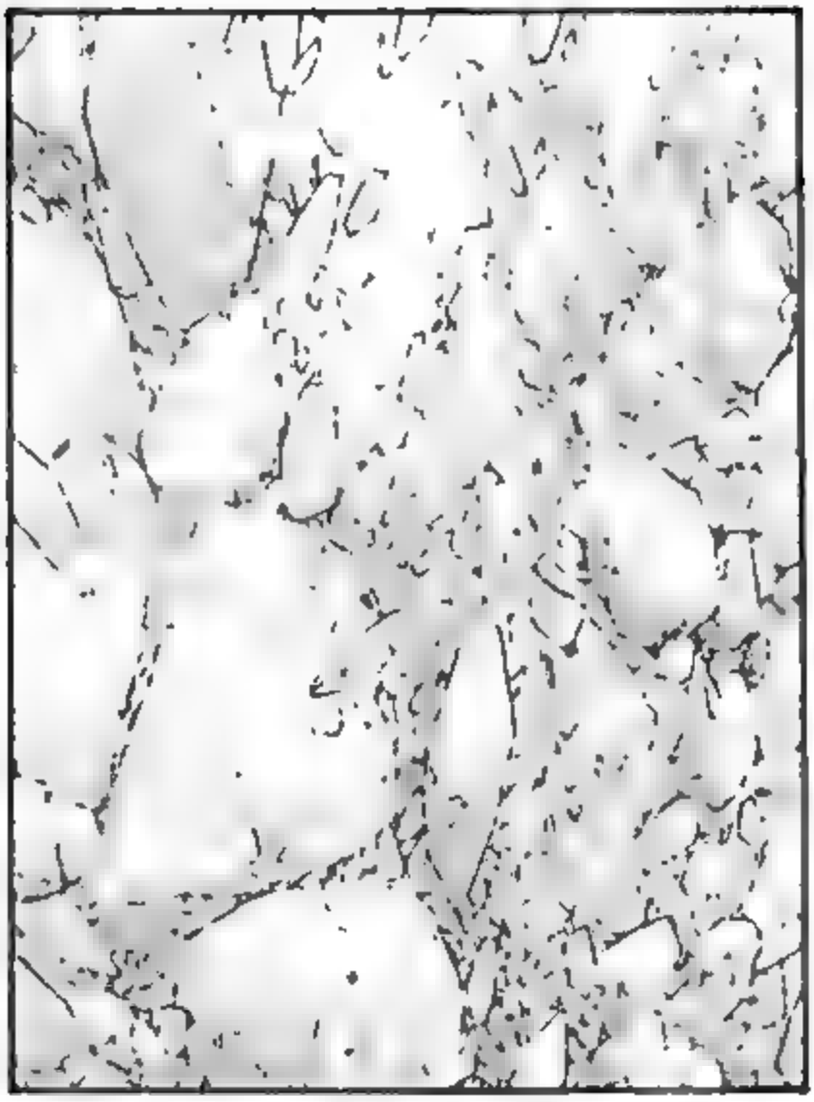
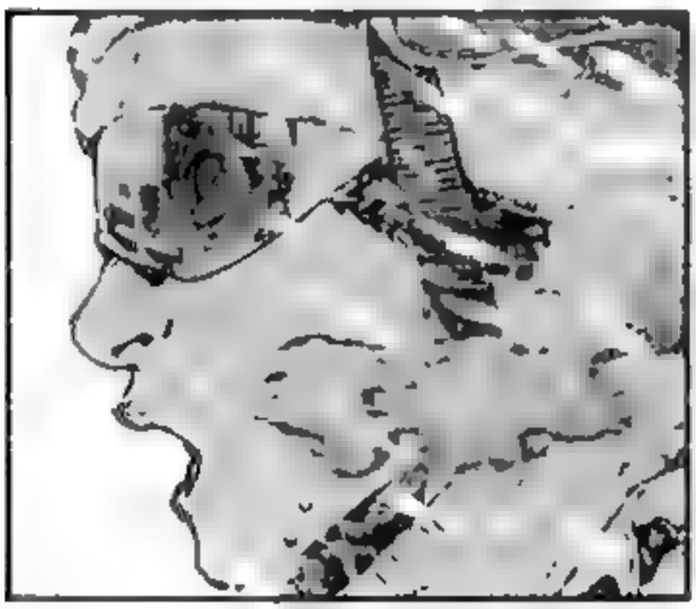
14 Mountain
K2 East Face Simulation Training
Northern Alps All-Mountain Traversal,
Day 14
---Mount Eboshi---


SFX. P'shi pish'h

GO BAAA-AACK!!!
AN OVER-HANG IS COLLAP-SIIIING!!!

..G-GO BACK...
GO... BACK...





This was divine punishment.

AND IN THEIR GRADUATING YEAR OF COLLEGE THEY WENT MOUNTAINEERING IN THE WINTER ON MOUNT TANIGAWA.

SUDDENLY, HE PUSHED TOORU OFF THE KNIFE RIDGE BELOW THE TAK ZAWA DOME!!!!

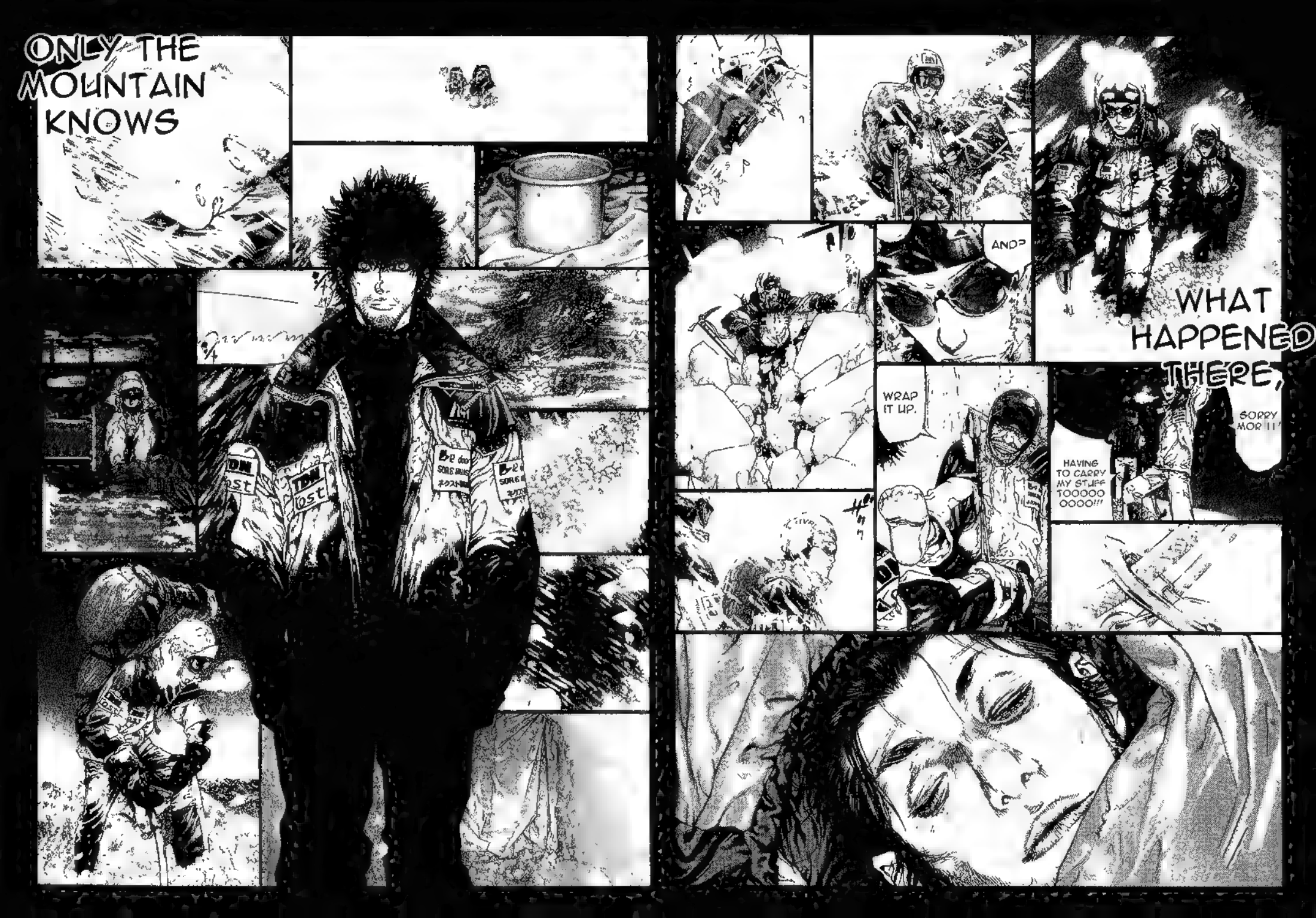
MY SON TOORU AND MURATA YASUFUMI WERE IN THE SAME MEDICAL COLLEGE AND MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

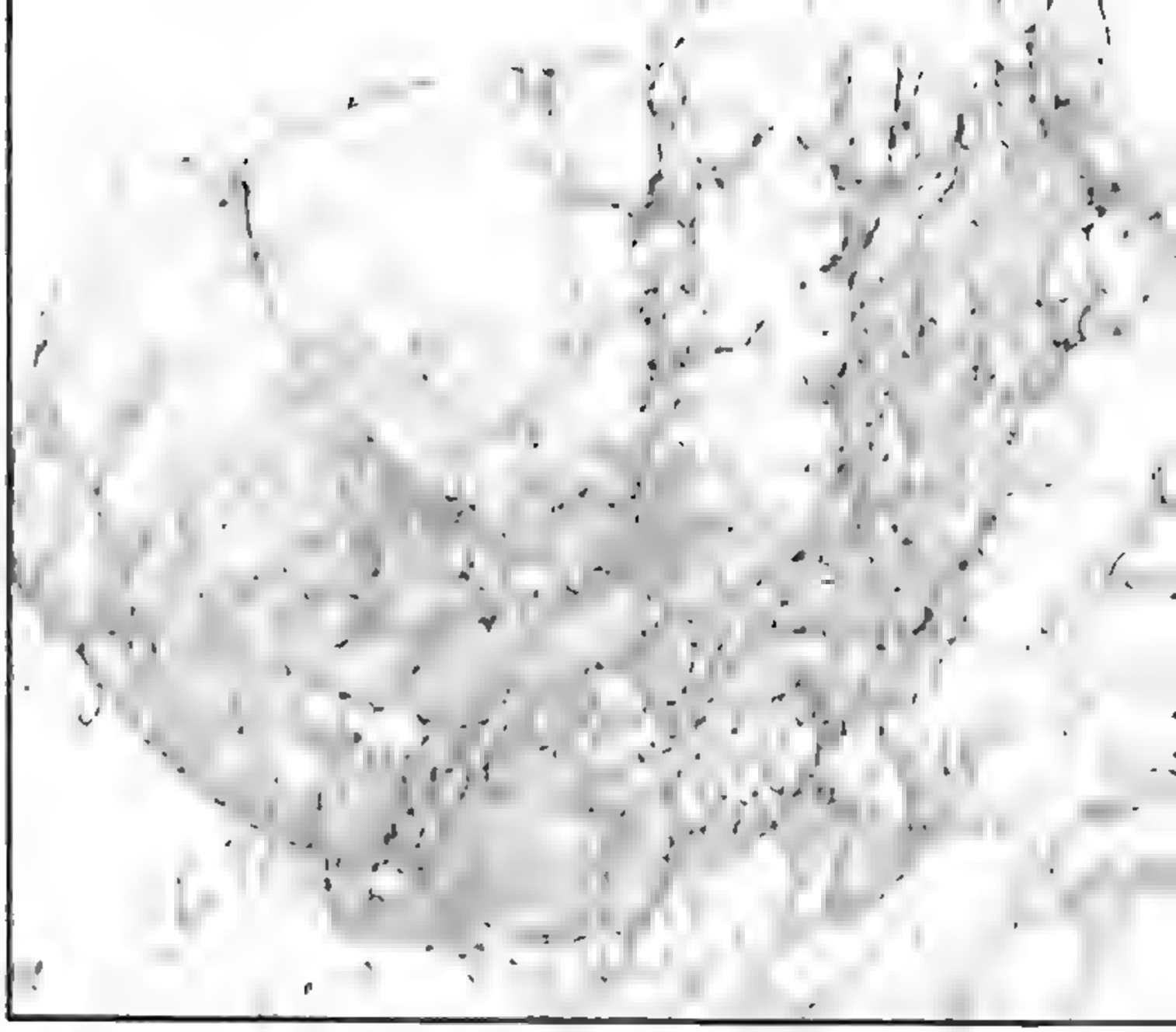
THEY REALLY SEEMED TO HIT IT OFF, AND EVEN ON VACATIONS THEY WENT OUT TO MOUNTAINS ALL OVER JAPAN, AND HE ALMOST NEVER CAME HOME...

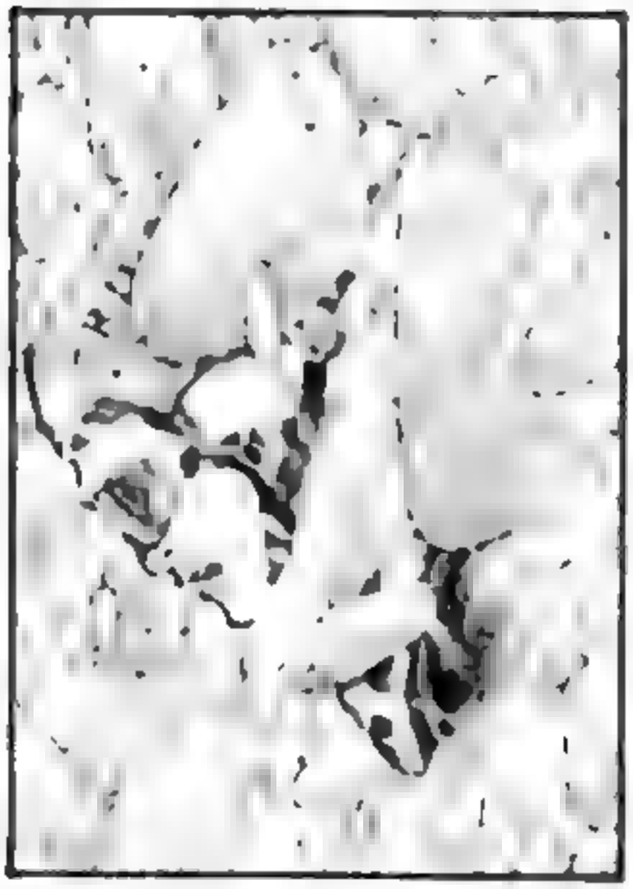
AND FOR THOSE TWO THAT WERE SUCH GOOD FRIENDS, EVEN AS A PARENT I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND IT AT ALL.

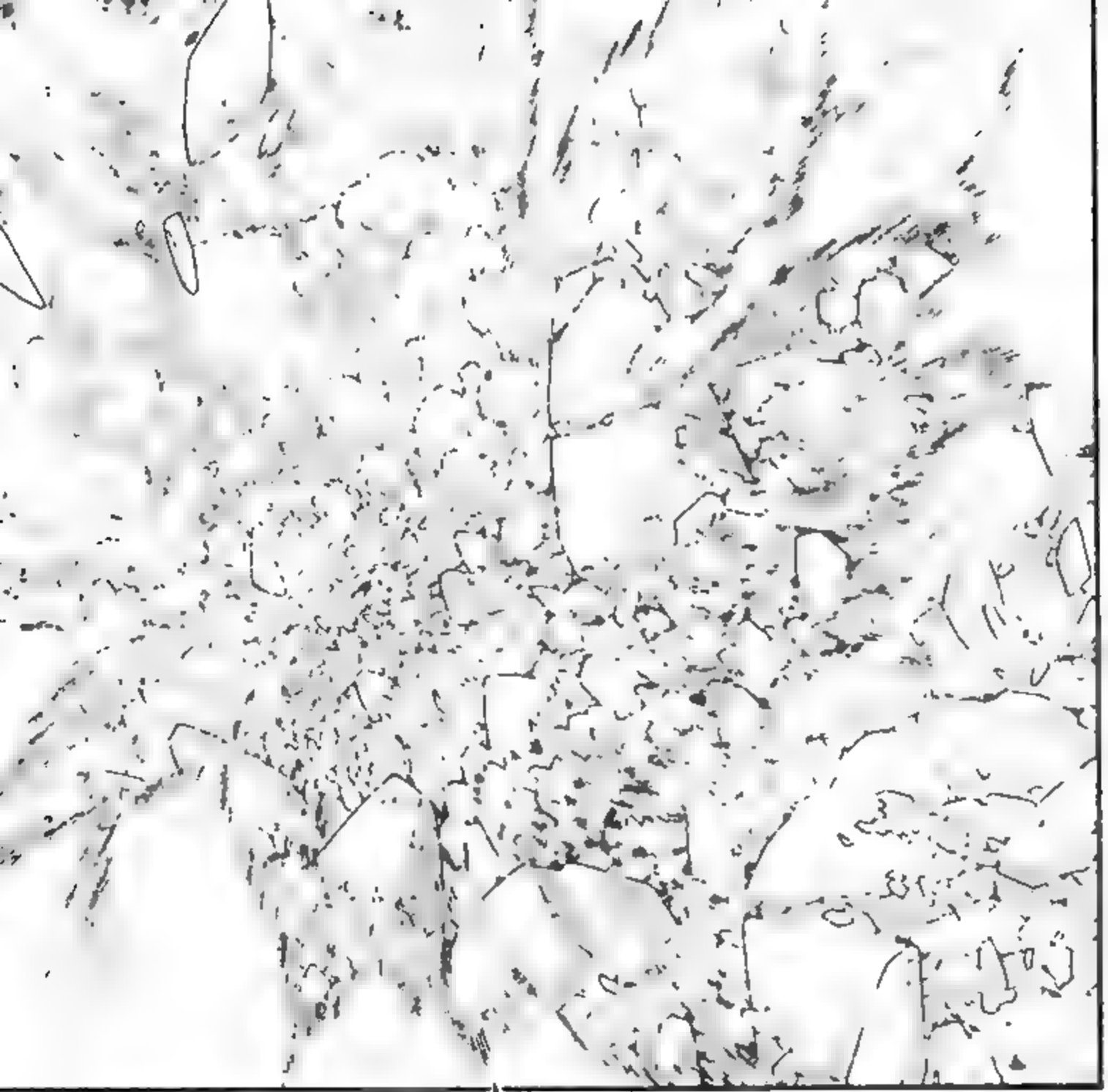
WITHOUT ANY PROOF, THE POLICE COULDN'T MAKE A CASE AGAINST HIM.

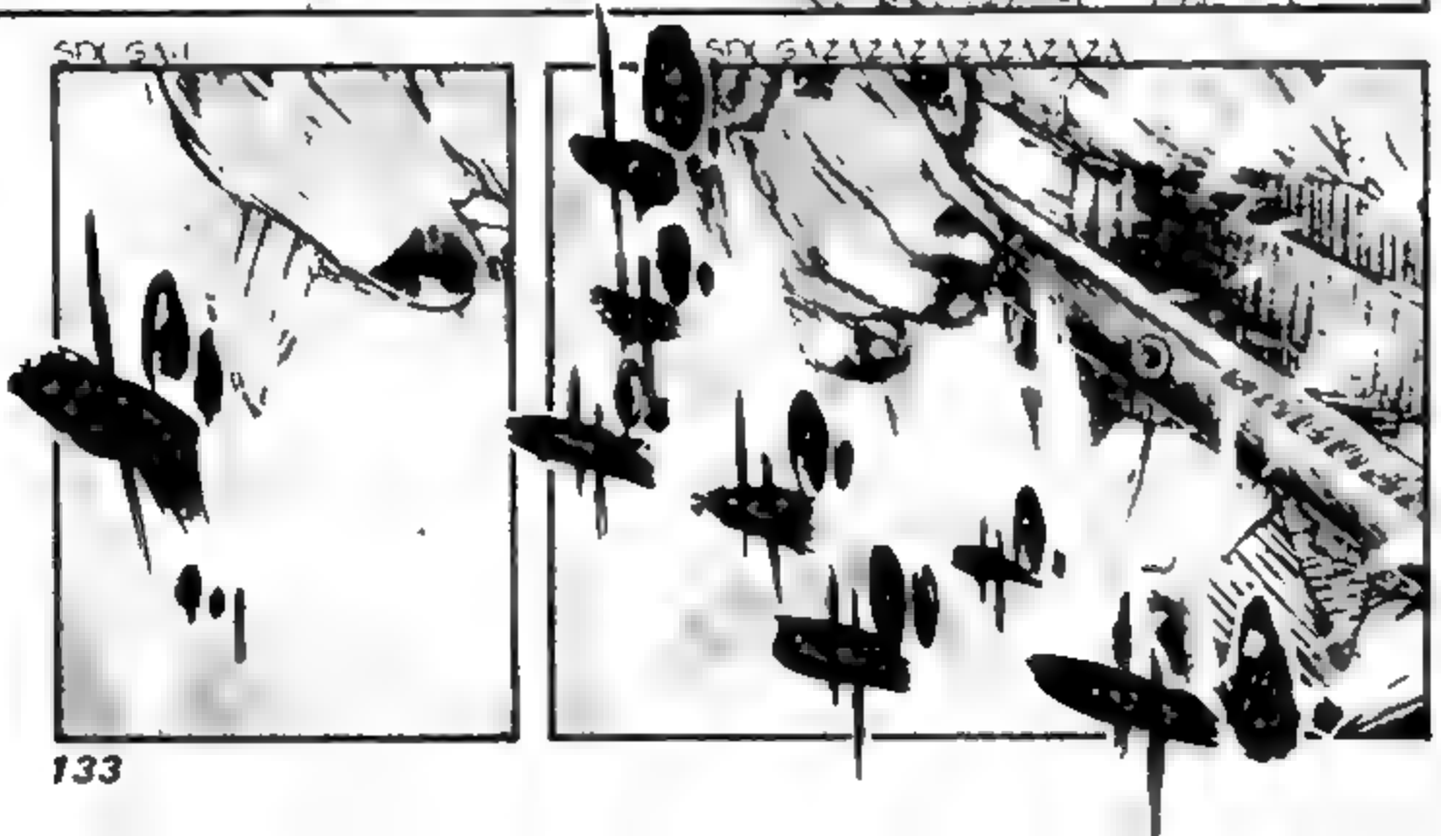
MOUNTAINS ARE PLACES BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.


ONLY THE MOUNTAIN KNOWS
AND?
WHAT HAPPENED THERE,
WRAP IT UP.
SORRY MOR!!
HAVING TO CARRY MY STUFF TOOOOOOOOO!!!

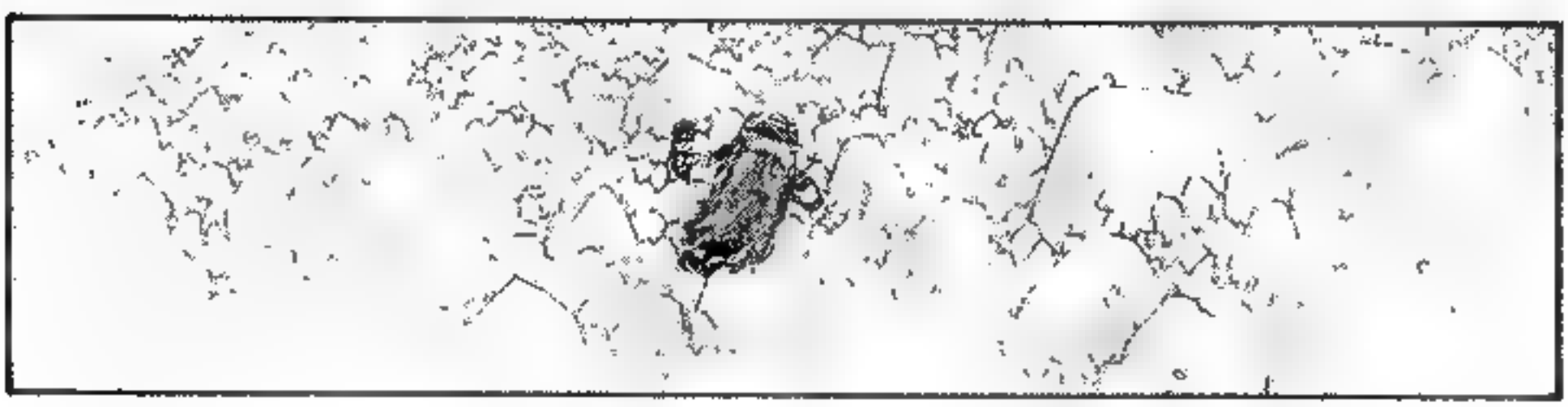








MOUNTAIN

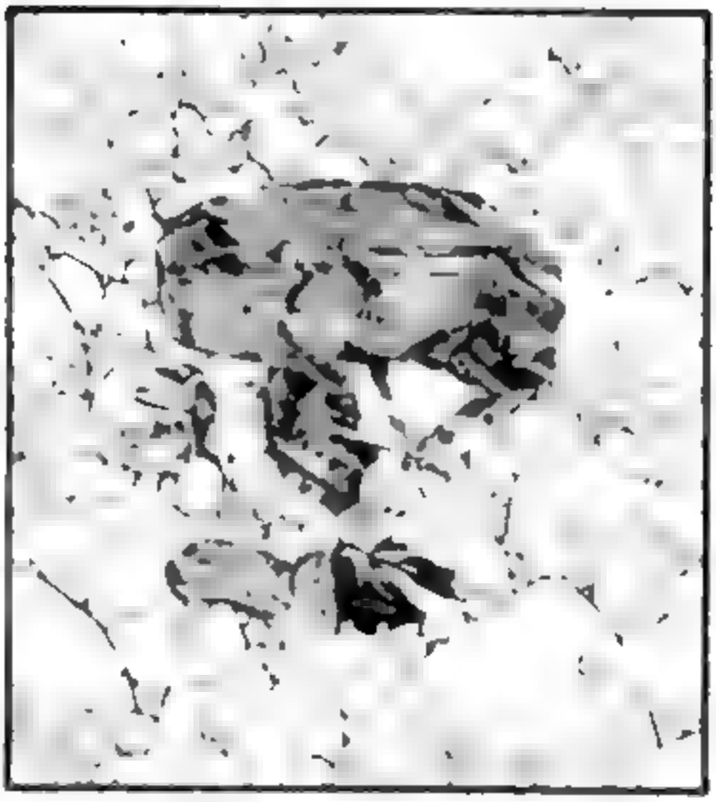


HURRY AND GET UP HEEEEERE!
NIIMI, WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOOOOU!?

INT AIN
ANOTHER SHOT'S COMING!! JUST GIVE UP ON KUNIEDA!!!
HURRY. RU- UUUUUUUN!!!

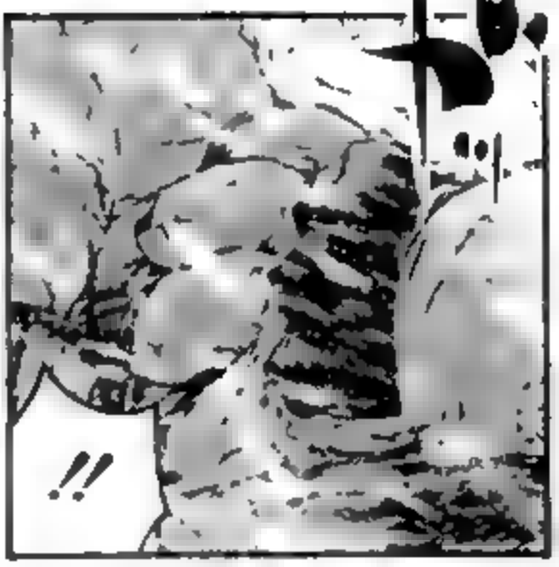
RI'EL
EH
EH

HE



UWAA
AAAAA
AAAAA
AH!!!!

UWAAAA AAAAAH
S-STOOO OOP!!!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A-ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, KUNIEDA!?
COME ON, LET'S GO!!!

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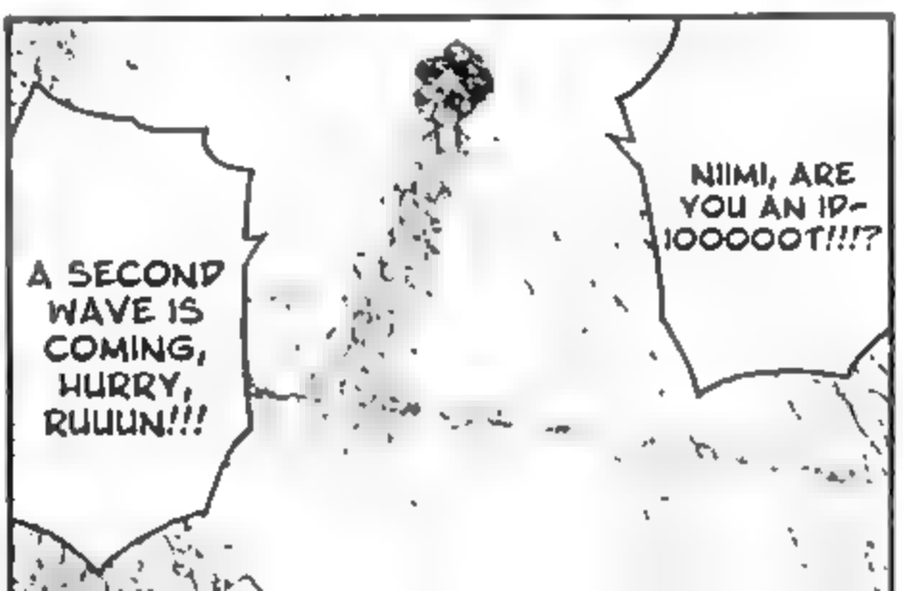

NIIMI, ARE YOU AN ID-IOOOOOT!!!?
A SECOND WAVE IS COMING, HURRY, RUUUN!!!

S-STAY AWAAAAAY!

S-STOP, STOP OLD MAAAAAN !!!!

GRIMEL

P-PLEASE LISTEN TO ME, OLD MAN KIRIYA!

IT WAS MOSTLY THEIR FAULT

OLD MAN ...!?

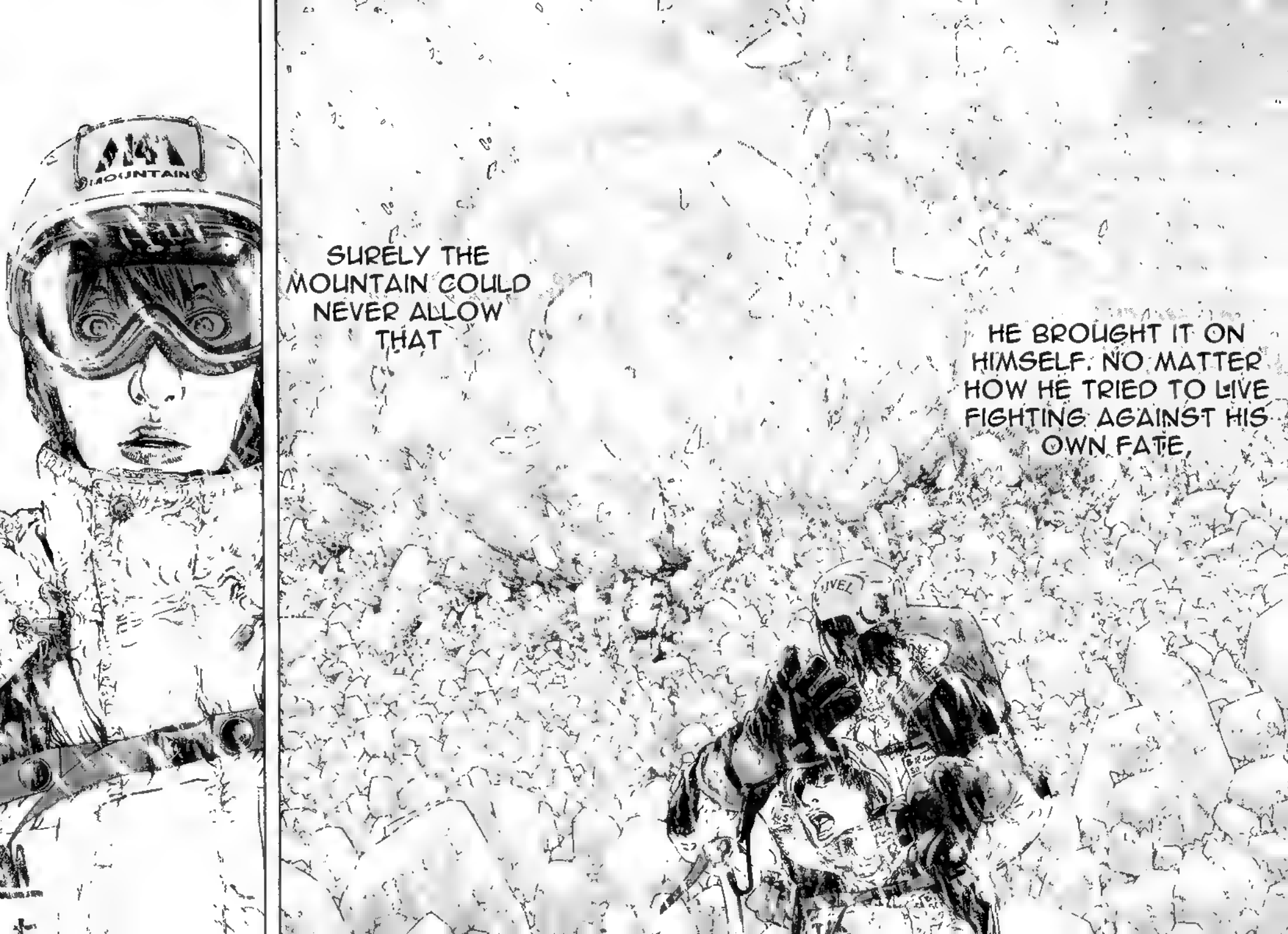
EVEN THOUGH YOU THOUGHT WE WERE GOOD FRIENDS !!!

I WAS AN IDIOT FOR FALLING IN LOVE WITH THAT SLUT!!!

TOORU AND ERIKO WERE IN IT TO-GETHER!!!

THOSE TWO WERE HAVING A GREAT TIME RIDICULING ME BEHND MY BACK!

NIIMI, YOU'VE GOT TO HURRY_
I CAN'T BELIEVE ANYONE ANY MOOOORE!!!
KUNIEDA SAN, HURRY_!!
SFX Zuh
!!
NU-OOOO OOOO OOOH!
BUT THAN MAN PA D FOR HIS CRIMES.


MOUNTAIN
SURELY THE MOUNTAIN COULD NEVER ALLOW THAT
HE BROUGHT IT ON HIMSELF. NO MATTER HOW HE TRIED TO LIVE FIGHTING AGAINST HIS OWN FATE,

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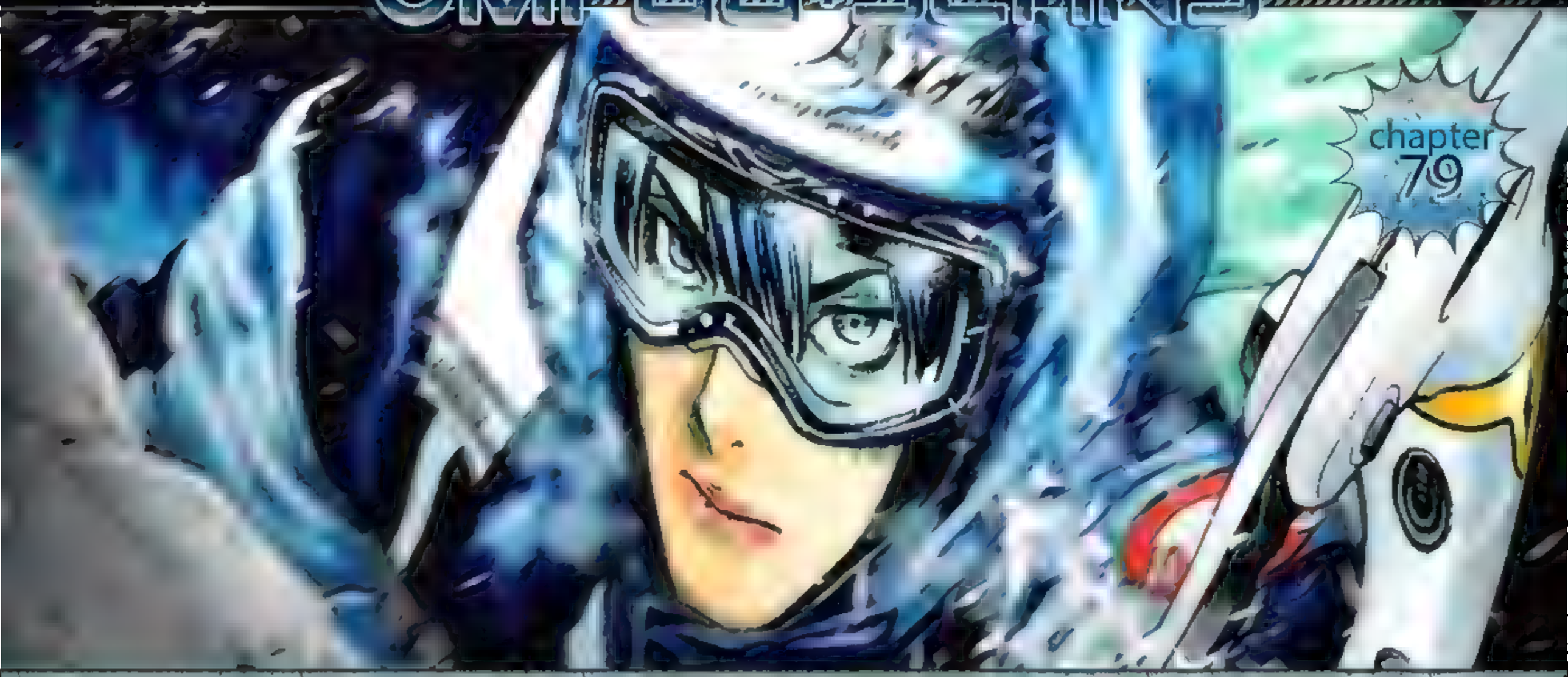

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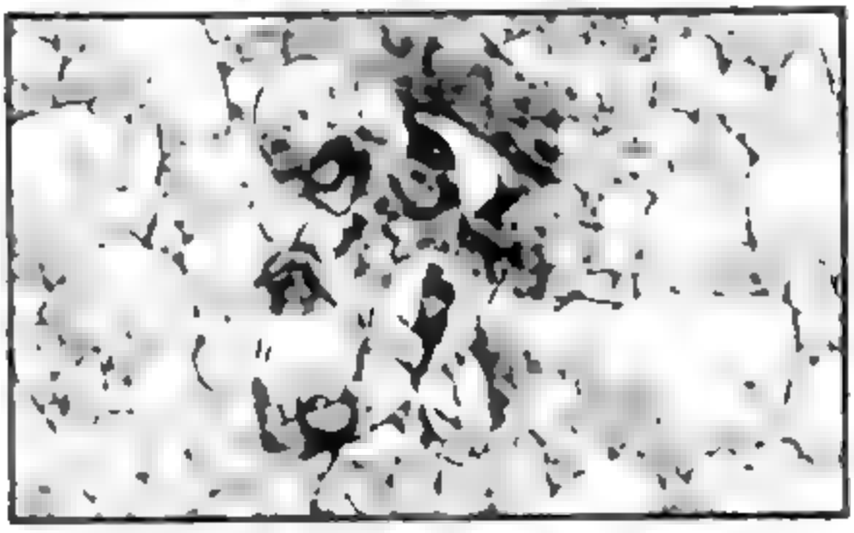
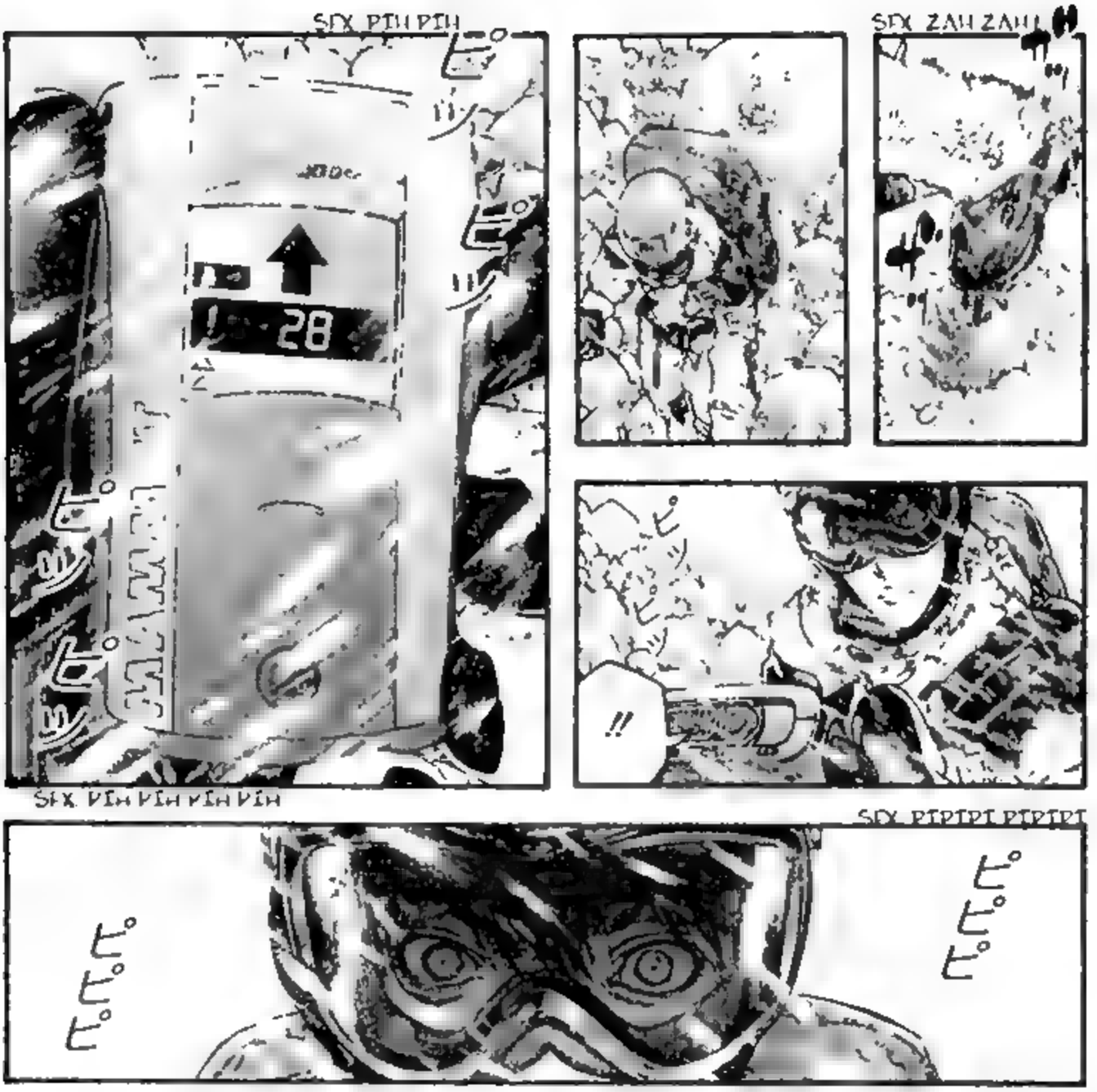


80th Climb - The Cross Called
"Returning Alive"


SFX. PIN PIN
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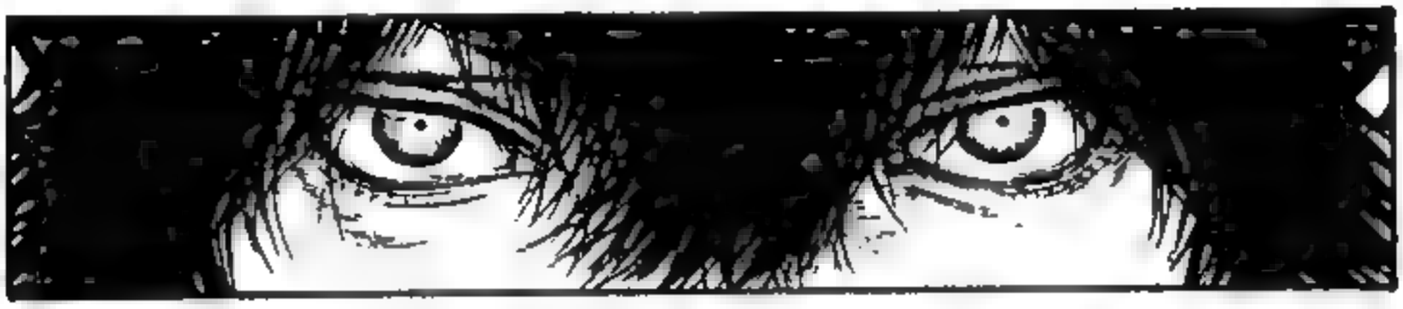
SFX. ZAH ZAH
!!
SFX. PIH PIH PIH PIH PIH
SFX. PIPIPI PIPIPI
SFX. PIPIPIPIPI PIPIPIPIPI
HE WENT SO FAR TO CORNER KUNIEDA-SAN... THAT OLD MAN, KIRIYA...
AAAAAAH, SERIOUSLY, DON'T BLAME HIM....

SO EVEN UP UNTIL THE FINAL MOMENT OF THE AVA-LANCHE,
THAT MAN NEVER SPOKE A SINGLE WORLD ABOUT TOORU, HUH...?



IS THAT SO? THAT'S UNFORTU-NATE
WITH THIS, IT MEANS I'VE RUN OUT OF LEADS.

EXCUSE ME

...YES.

YOUR SON WAS AN OLD FRIEND OF MURATA-SAN, YOU SAID
THERE'S SOMETHING YOU MAY WANT TO TAKE A LOOK AT...

I'M OBANA, WITH THE COMMUNITY POLICE AFFAIRS DIVISION
PARDON ME, BUT COULD I ASK ABOUT YOUR CONVERSATION?

AH, I BROUGHT IT WITH ME!!
SHIMADA, HURRY UP.

MOUNT KITA
3,193m
HERE IT IS.

WE ACTUALLY GOT IT FROM MURATA-SAN'S RUCK-SACK.

NORMALLY TAKING ARTICLES LEFT BEHIND IS NOT ALLOWED, BUT

THIS T ME FOR THE SAKE OF CONFIRMATION, WE'RE MAKING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR YOU TO LOOK AT IT

TO .TOO RU!!

Y-YES !!!

LIKE I THOUGHT, THAT WAS YOUR SON, WAS IT..?

...SEEMS LIKE AN IMPORTANT FRIEND HE COULDN'T FORGET, DOESN'T IT?

IT SEEMS HE KEPT IT DEAR FOR A VERY LONG TIME, PUTTING IT CAREFULLY IN HIS WATERPROOF BACKPACK.

WHY...

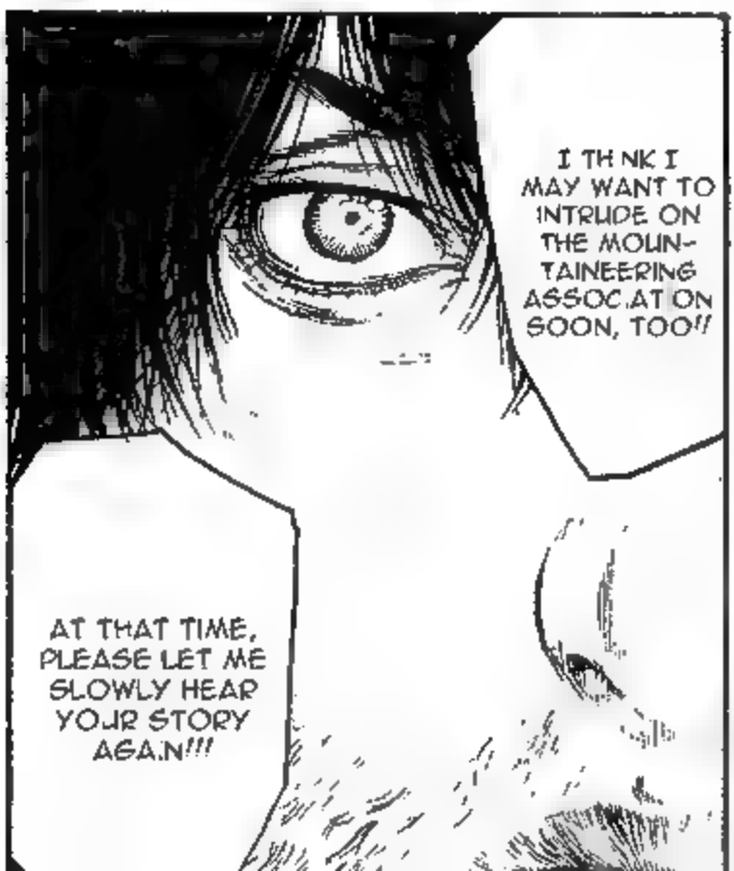
AFTER THE ACCIDENT HE DIDN'T EVEN COME TO THE FUNERAL,

AND IN 8 YEARS HE NEVER SAID ONE WORD OF APOLOGY, THAT GUY..

MORI-
SAN.

THIS IS MY
CONTACT
ADDRESS
!!

YAMAGUCHI PREFECTURE
UBE CITY TOKIWA CHOU
KIRIYA
THINGS HAVE MADE
LESS AND LESS
SENSE TO ME.


I TH NK I
MAY WANT TO
INTRUDE ON
THE MOUN-
TAINEERING
ASSOC AT ON
SOON, TOO!!
AT THAT TIME,
PLEASE LET ME
SLOWLY HEAR
YOUR STORY
AGA.N!!!

THERE MAY
STILL BE
OTHER
LEADS.
IF YOU
REMEMBER
SOMETH NG,
PLEASE CON-
TACT ME
ANY TIME.

7
UNTIL THEN.
ARE MADE TO CARRY THE HEAVY BURDENS OF THE DEAD.
THE ONES WHO SURVIVE
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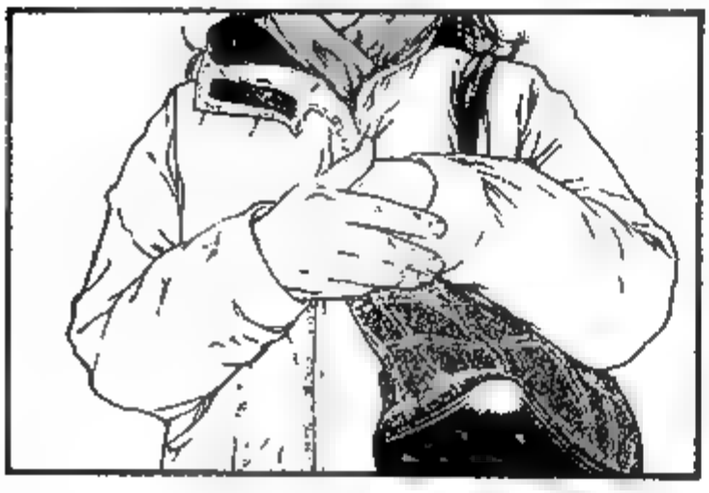
Autopsy Room

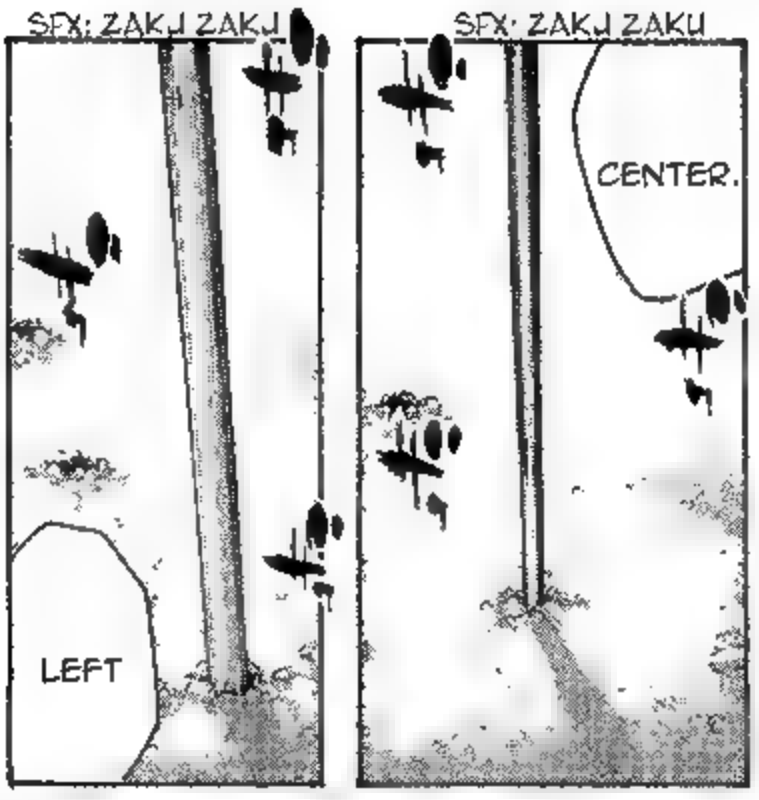
SFX: Kyu



EEEEEEH, I DUNNO,
ARE YOU PART OF THE BE-REAVED FAMILY?
LEMME TRY ASKING MY MANAGER
'SCUSE MEEE, WHERE'S KASE-SAN'S CORPSE?
IS KOMATSU TATSUJI-SAN'S FAMILY HEEERE?
KOMATSU TATSUJI-SAN,
...YES.

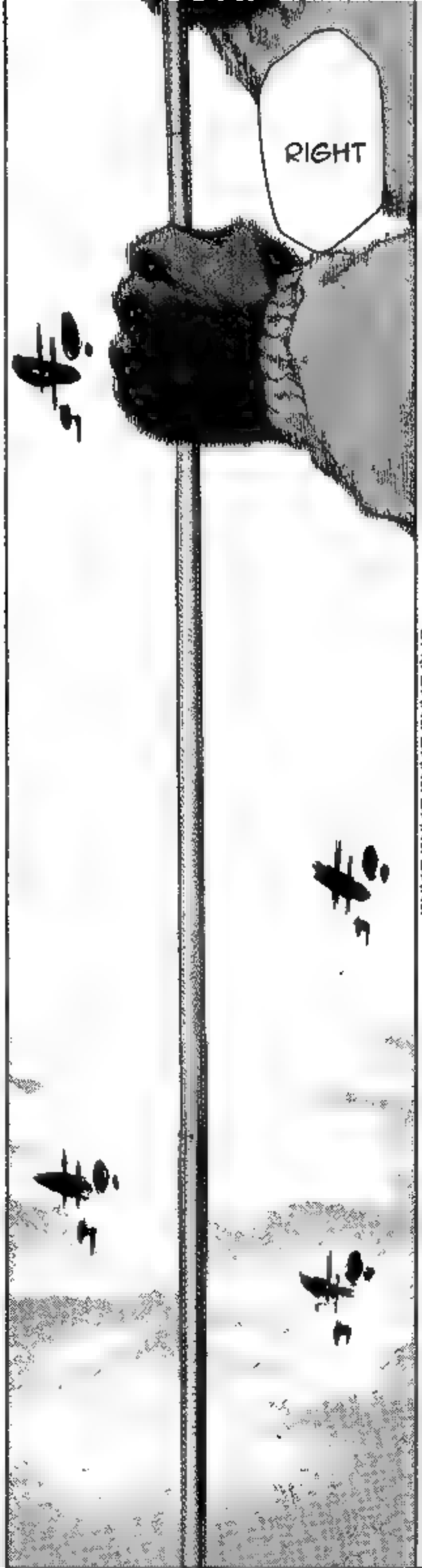
I KNOW.

NOW THEN, DECEMBER
COULD YOU TELL ME ABOUT YOUR LAST NIGHT WITH NIIMI-KUN?


SFX: ZAKU ZAKU
SFX: ZAKU ZAKU
LEFT
CENTER.

ONE STEP FORWARD.

SINCE ONE CORPSE WAS AROUND HERE, WE'VE GUESSED ONE MORE MIGHT BE AROUND HERE, BUT...
THE BEACON'S BATTERY RAN OUT A LONG TIME AGO, THIS IS REALLY TROUBLESOME...


RIGHT
SFX: ZAKU ZAKU ZAKU ZAKU

THIS IS REALLY LIKE LOOKING FOR A SINGLE NEEDLE IN A MOUNTAIN OF HAY.
HONESTLY,

HEEY, THE HELICOPTER'S HEEEERE!
TODAY'S SEACH IS OVEEEER! WE'RE PU..LING OUT!
LIKE THIS,
IT MAY NOT HAPPEN EVEN INTO THE SPRING...

GEH OH!
GEHOH!
GEHOH!
NIIMI...
UU...
NIIMI, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT...?

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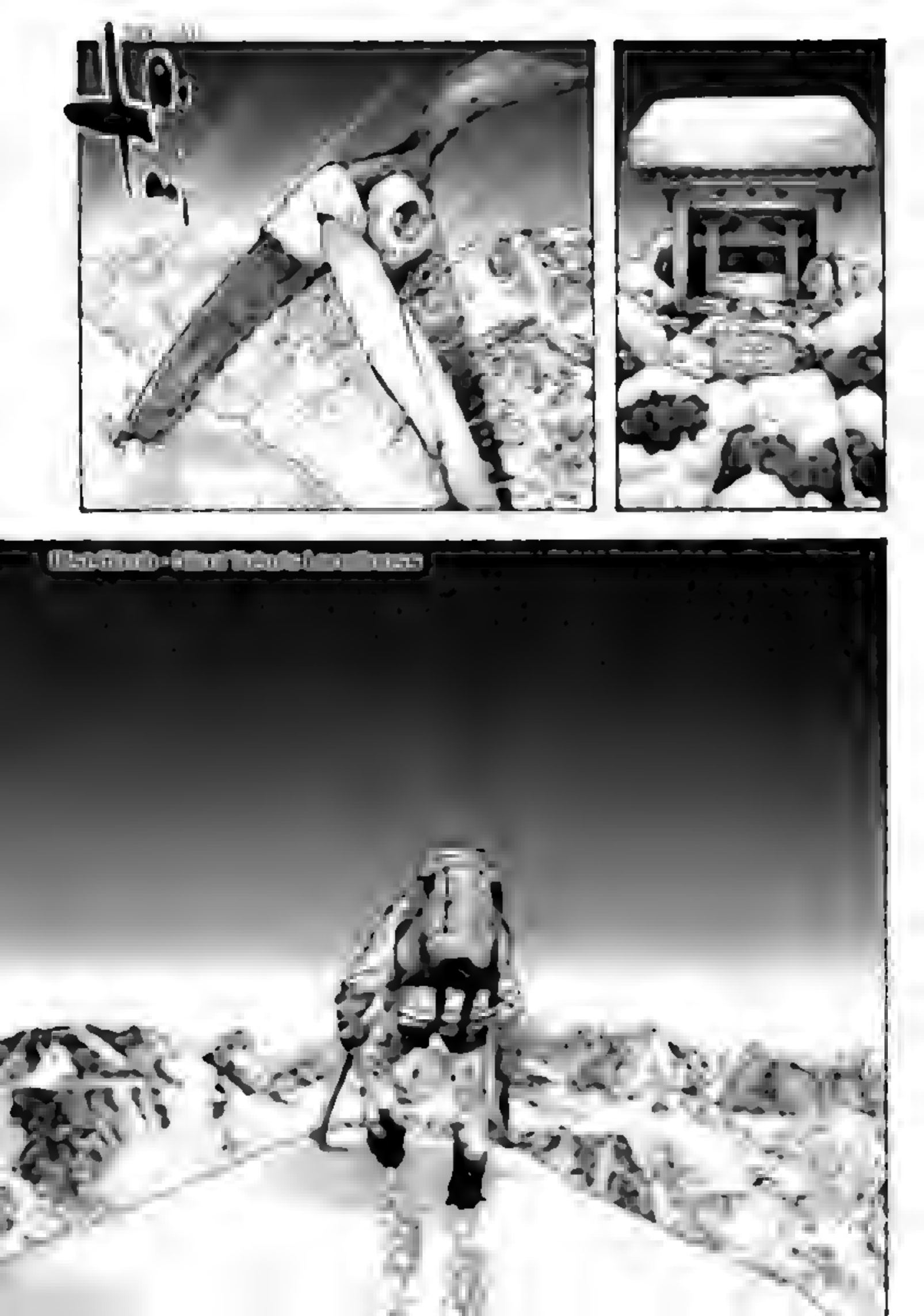

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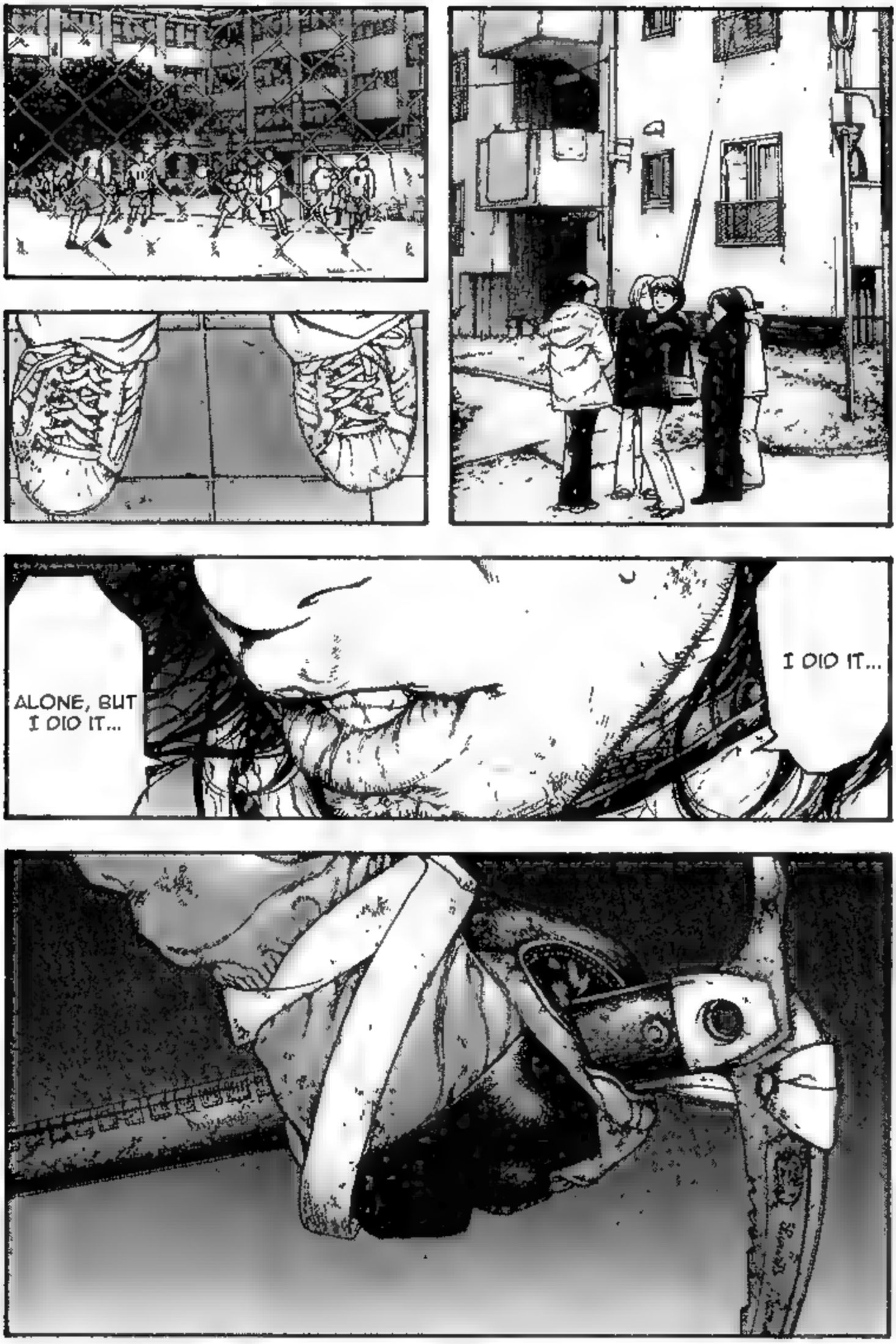
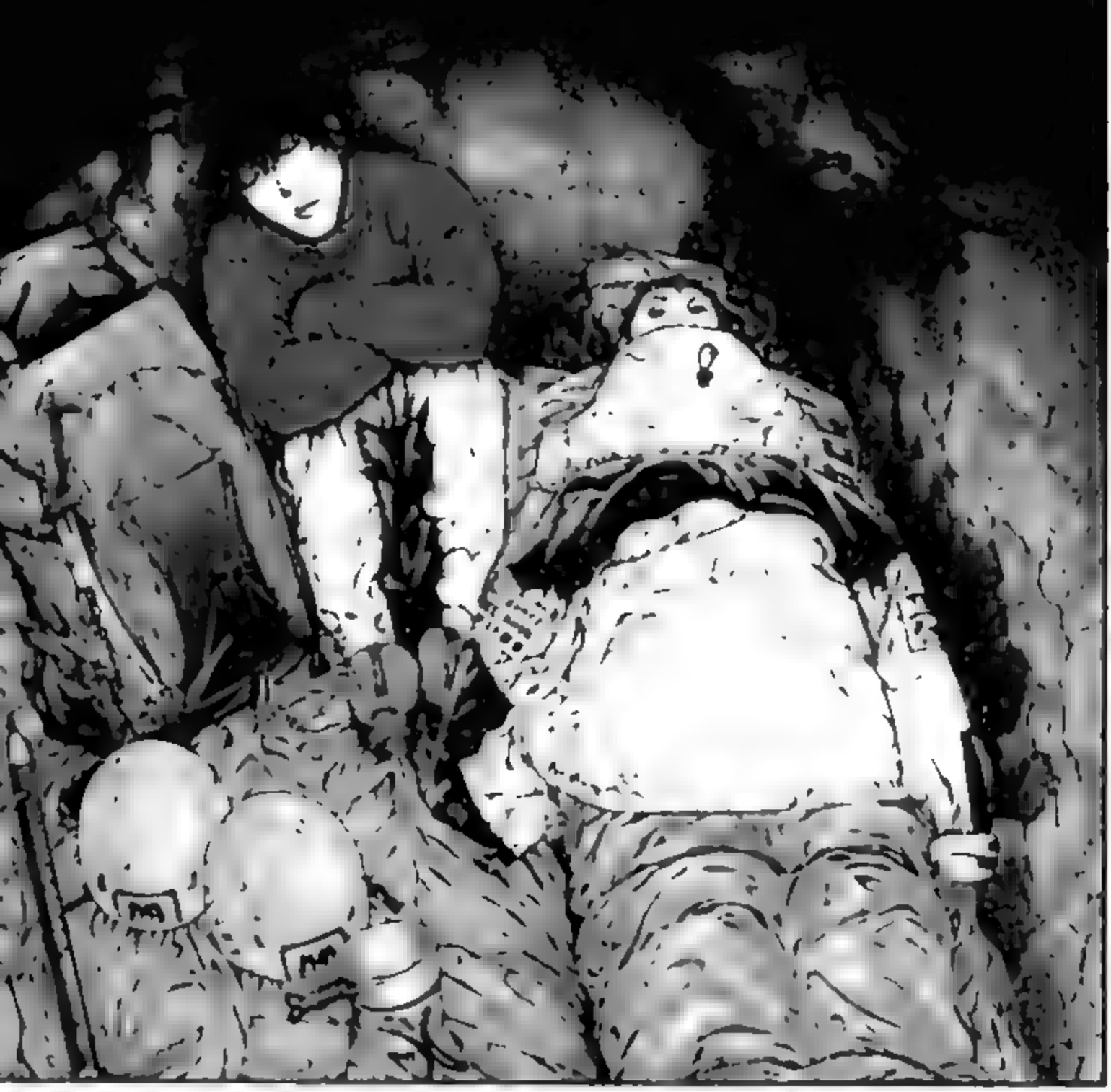
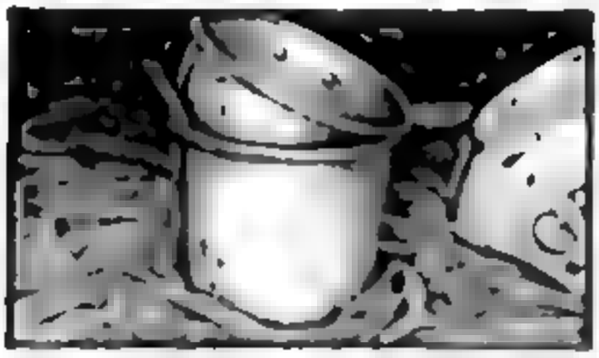
OOH

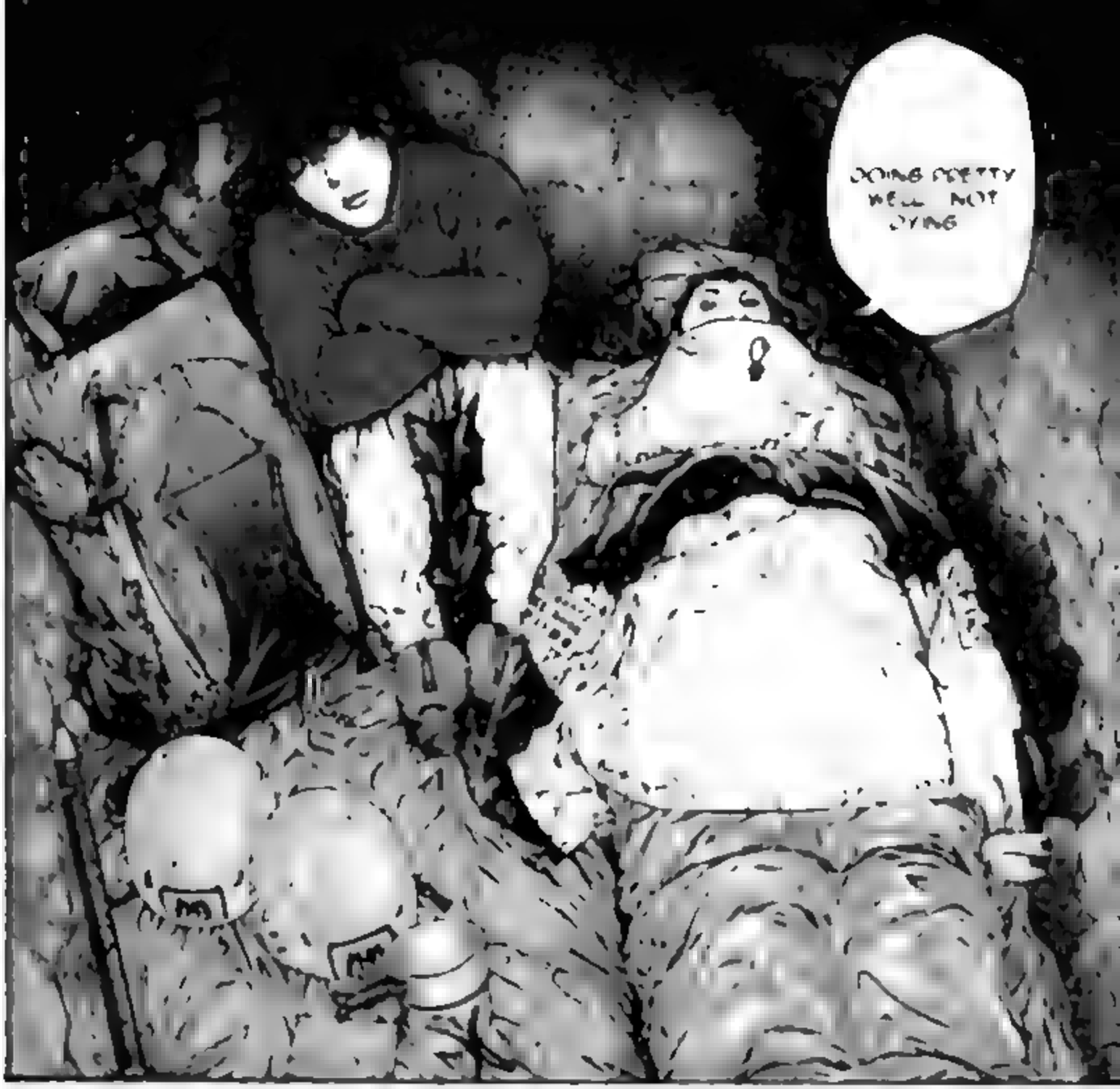

ALONE, BUT I DID IT...
I DID IT...

I'M
NUMBER
OOOOO
OOOOO
OONE!!!

81st Climb - Niimi
Taku's Loneliness






DOING PRETTY WELL. NOT DYING

ARE YOU OKAY NOW...?

UU...
MY BODY'S GOTTEN RIGID DOWN IN THE CORE...
I KNEW IT, I ..
WASN'T CUT OUT... FOR MOUNTAINS...

LIKE AN AMATEUR, I ...

I WAS AN IDIOT...

EVEN THOUGH THE VICE CAPTAIN SCREAMED AT ME TO RUN..

AND IT WAS OBVIOUS A SECOND AVA-LANCHE WAS COMING...

NIIMI...

GOHOH

GOHO

I HAD ONLY NOT FOUND THAT THING...

IF BACK THEN,

...IT'S ALL MY OLD MAN'S FAULT...

NO

BUT THE TRUTH IS ALL OF THE TEAM MEMBERS BESIDES MY OLD MAN WERE WIPED OUT IN AN AVALANCHE WHEN DESCENDING THE MOUNTAIN

AND HIS CAMERA DRIFTED AWAY, SO THE RESULT WAS THERE WAS NO PROOF LEFT THAT HE'D MADE IT TO THE SUMMIT...

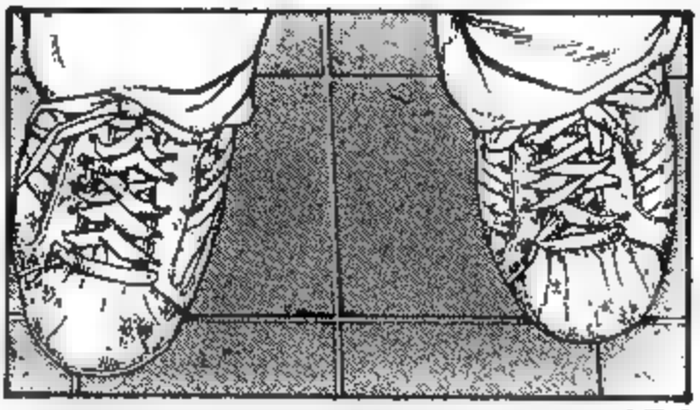
AND HEARD THE STORY ABOUT MY OLD MAN SUM-MITING K2 FROM THE SOUTH-SOUTHWEST RIDGE ..

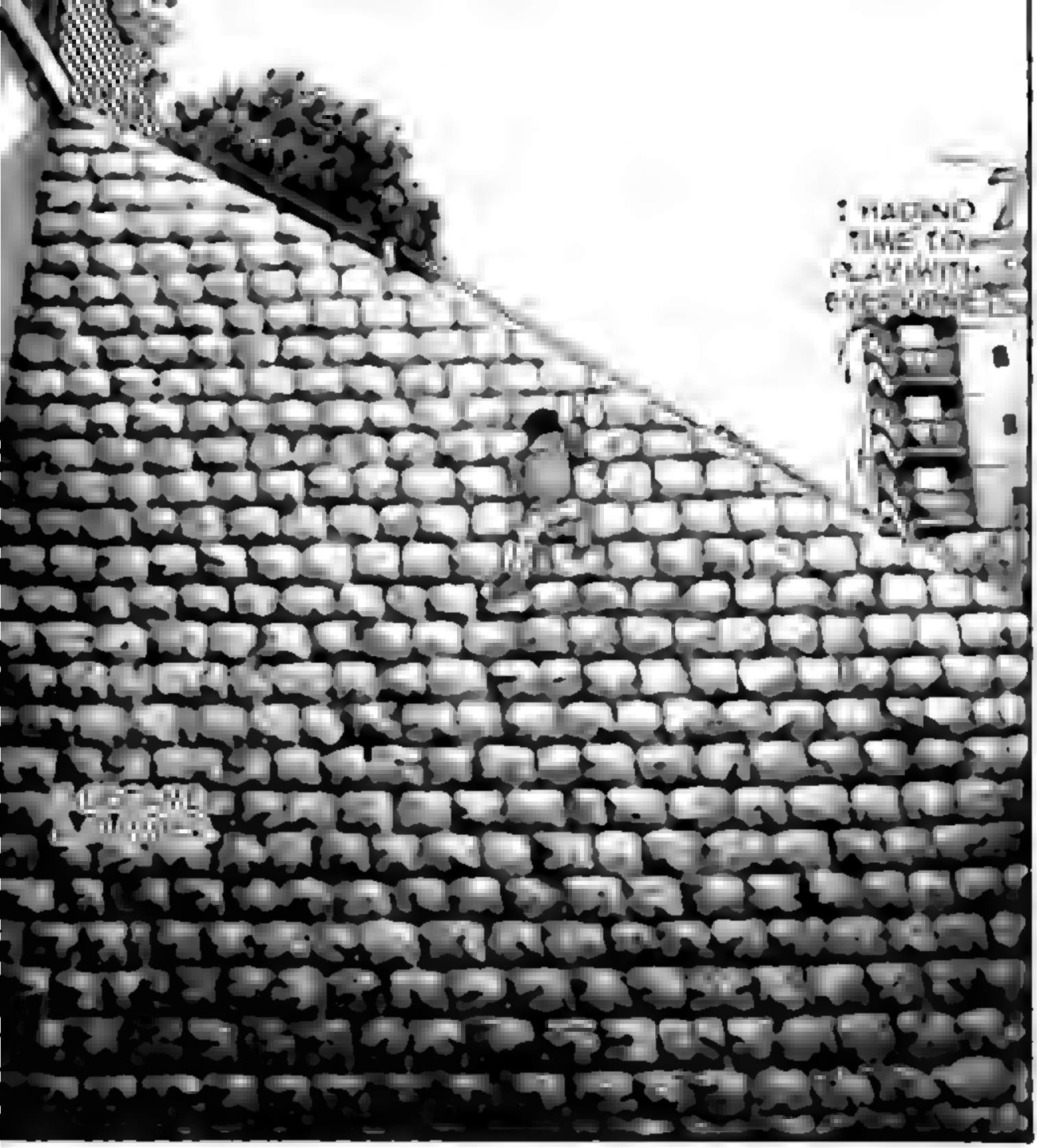
THERE WOULDN'T BE ANYONE WHO'D LIKE TO BE A ROPE PARTNER WITH A MAN CALLED A "FALSE CLIMBER"

WITH MY OLD MAN RETURN-ING TO JAPAN REPORTING ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED ON SITE, WHAT IT AWAITED HIM WAS

AND FINALLY LEFT BEHIND HIS MOUNTAIN EQUIPMENT, AND ABANDONED ME AND MY MOTHER RIGHT AFTER I WAS BORN.

MY OLD MAN WAS EVENTU-ALLY OSTRA-CIZED FROM THE WORLD OF MOUNTAINS..

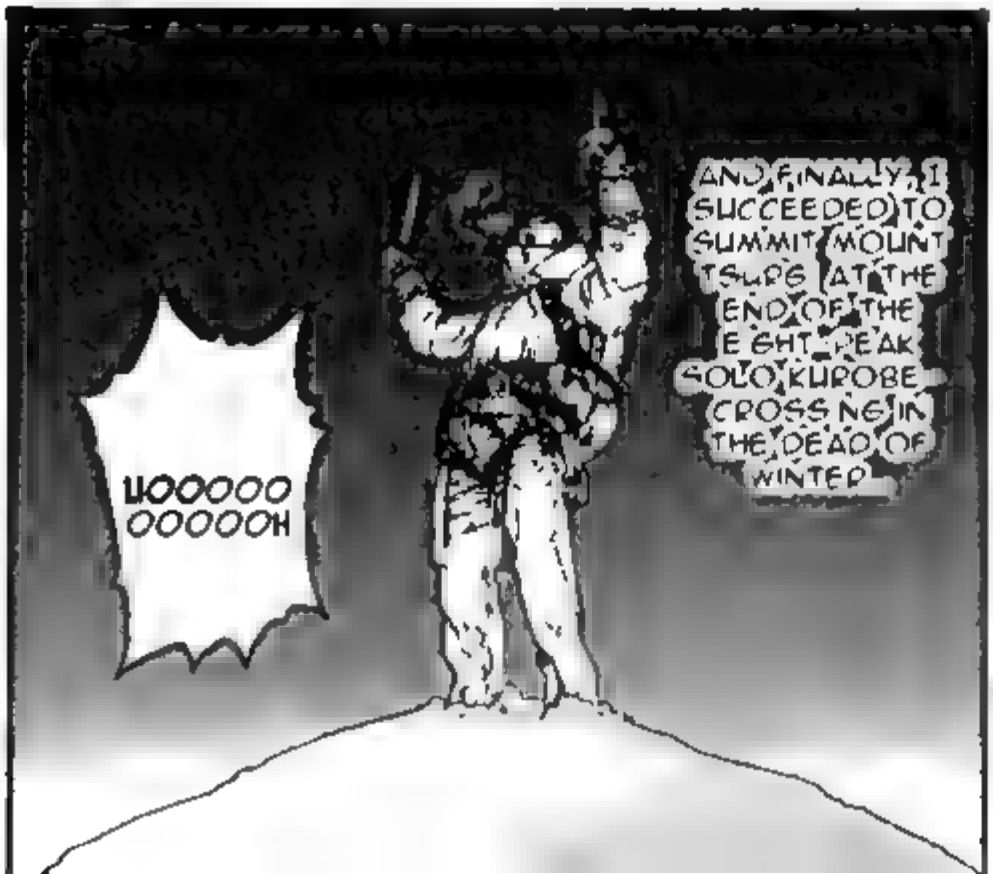



I HADN'T TIME TO PLAY WITH

EVERYONE WILL DEFINITELY SAY DAD IS GREAT TOO...!!

IN ORDER TO CLEAR MY OLD MAN'S DISHONOR,
I NEEDED TO CLIMB THE STILL UNTROODEN EAST-FACE OF K2.
AFTER MY OLD MAN CLIMBED IT, A POLISH TEAM OFFICIALLY ACCOMPLISHED THE FIRST CLIMB
AND THE K2 SOUTH SOUTHWEST RIDGE LOST ITS MEANING..."
*The K2 South Southwest Ridge was first

I DECIDED IN MY HEART THAT THIS WAS THE ONLY WAY
14 MOUNTAIN
K2 SHANGRI-LA PROJECT
HAVING NO MONEY OR ACHIEVEMENTS, WHEN I FOUND THE APPLICATION FOR 14 MOUNTAINS K2 PROJECT


AND FINALLY, I SUCCEEDED TO SUMMIT MOUNT TSURG AT THE END OF THE EIGHT PEAK SOLO KUROBE CROSSING IN THE DEAD OF WINTER
WOOOOO OOOOOH

COUNTLESS TIMES I TOOK TESTS AND SENT PETITIONS
AND CREATED PEAK ACHIEVEMENTS FOR GOING TO MOUNTAINS

AMAAZING. A KICKOFF MEETING AT THE MIKADO HOTEL.

YOU'RE REALLY, REALLY GOING TO KYO, AREN'T YOOOOOOOU!!!

Niimi Teku-sama

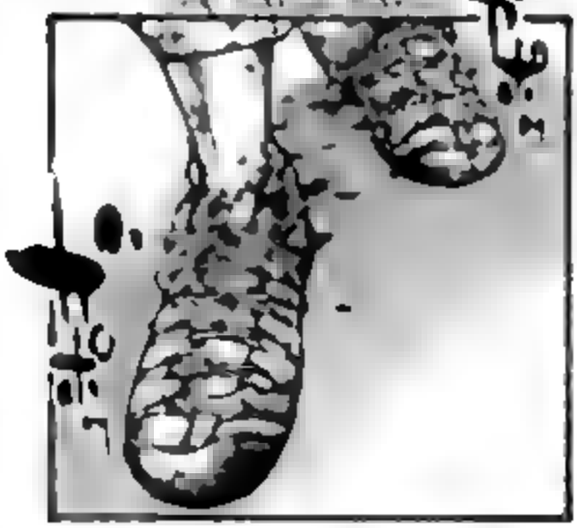
FOURTEEN MOUNTAIN

Heisei Era Year
Month of -- the 1st (-)
7PM Meeting
Mikado Hotel - Phoenix Room
Tokyo Metropolitan Area -
Chiyoda Ward

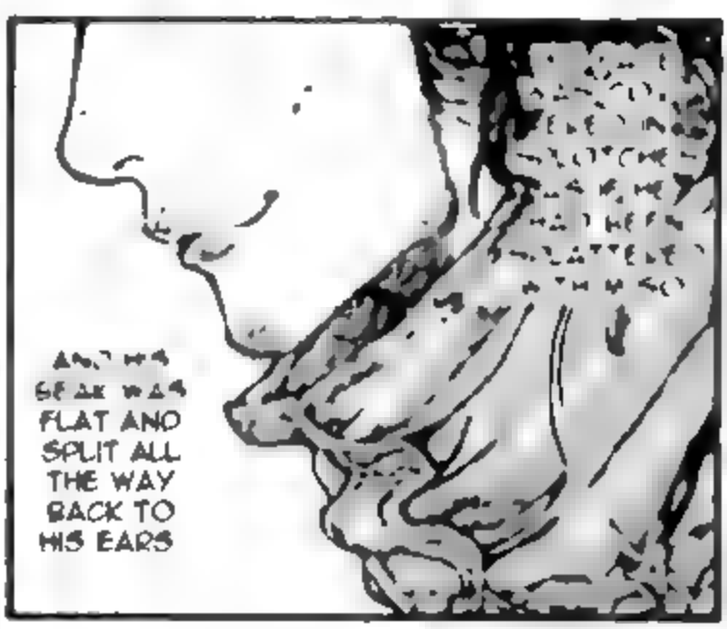
IT WAS AN UTTER MISTAKE.

EVEN THOUGH I WASN'T OF SUCH CALIBER, I WAS ECSTATIC THINKING I WAS JOINING THE TOP RANKS...

From Miwazawa Kenji's "Yodaka no Hoshi" [The Nighthawk Star].



HE WAS SUCH A SIGHT


AND HIS SPEAK WAS FLAT AND SPLIT ALL THE WAY BACK TO HIS EARS

"SUN-SAN, SUN-SAN,
PLEASE BRING ME TO YOU.
EVEN AN UGLY BODY LIKE MINE WILL SHINE AS IT BURNS. PLEASE, TAKE ME."
I DON'T CARE THAT I'LL BURN AND DIE.

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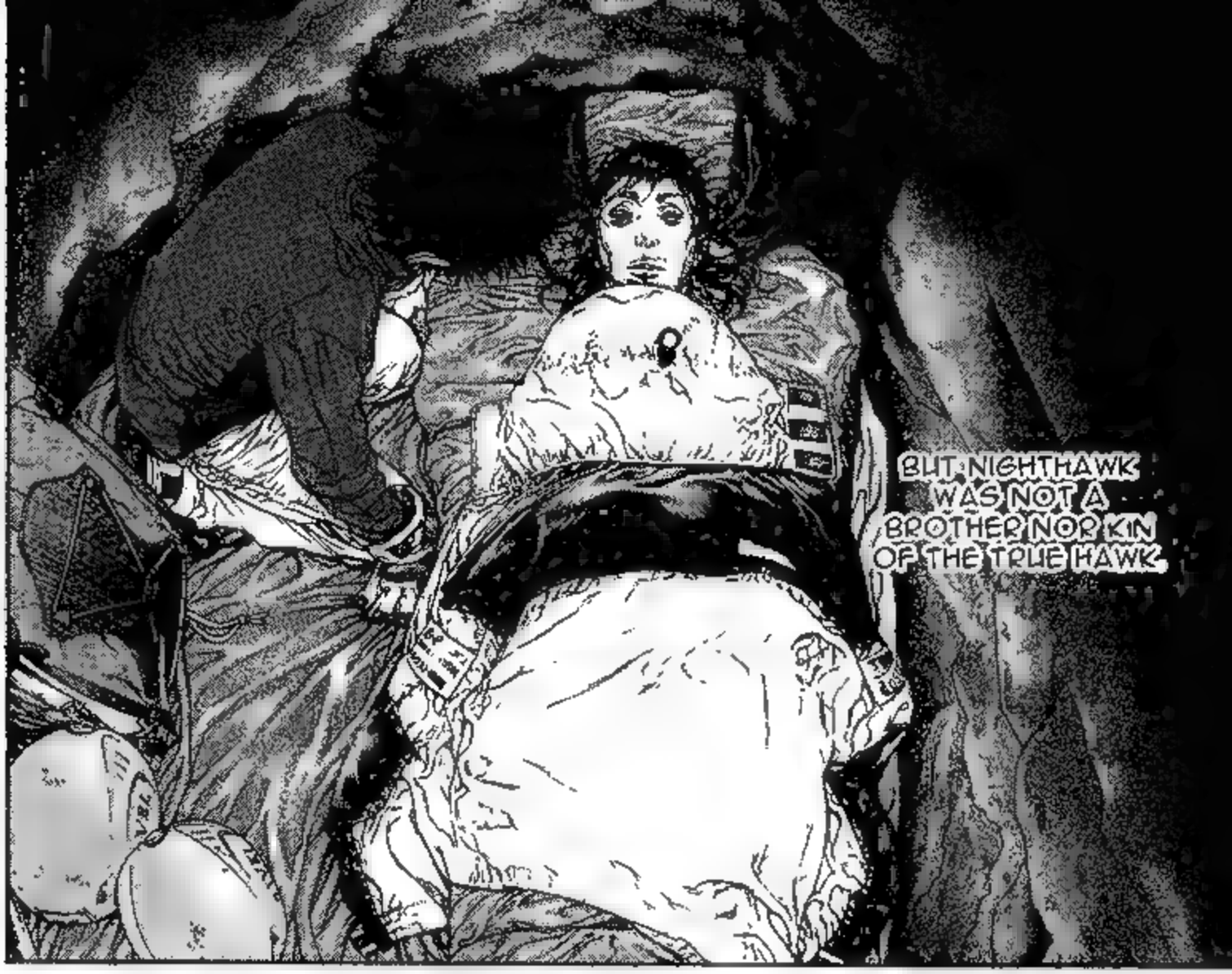
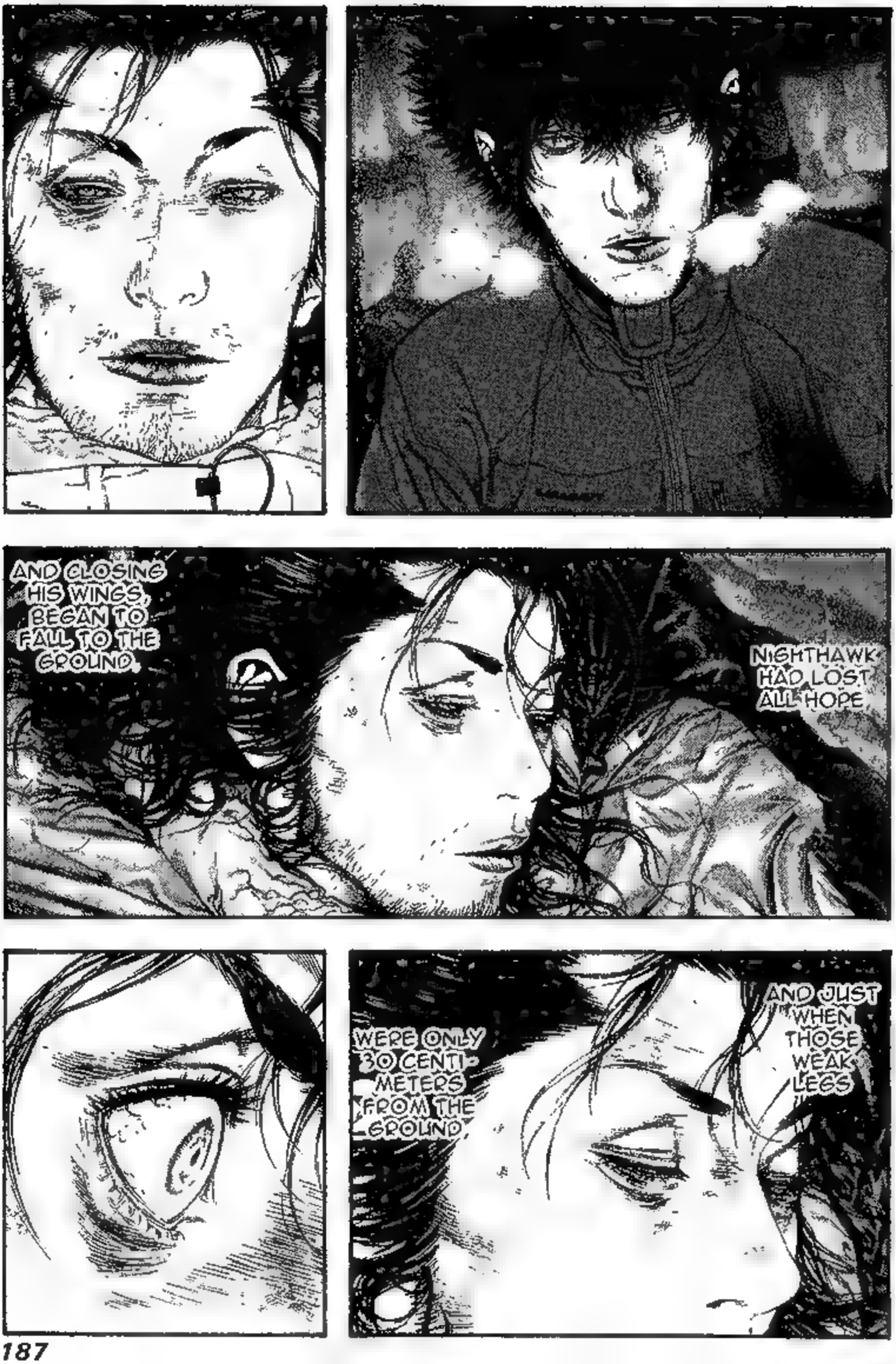
NIGHTHAWK
FLEW LIKE
AN ARROW
TOWARDS IT.
IGNORING
THE DIZZYING
BRIGHTNESS,

BUT NOT AFTER HOW
FAR HE FLEW, HE
NEVER GOT AWAY
CLOSER TO THE SUN.


BUT NIGHTHAWK WAS NOT A BROTHER NOR KIN OF THE TRUE HAWK

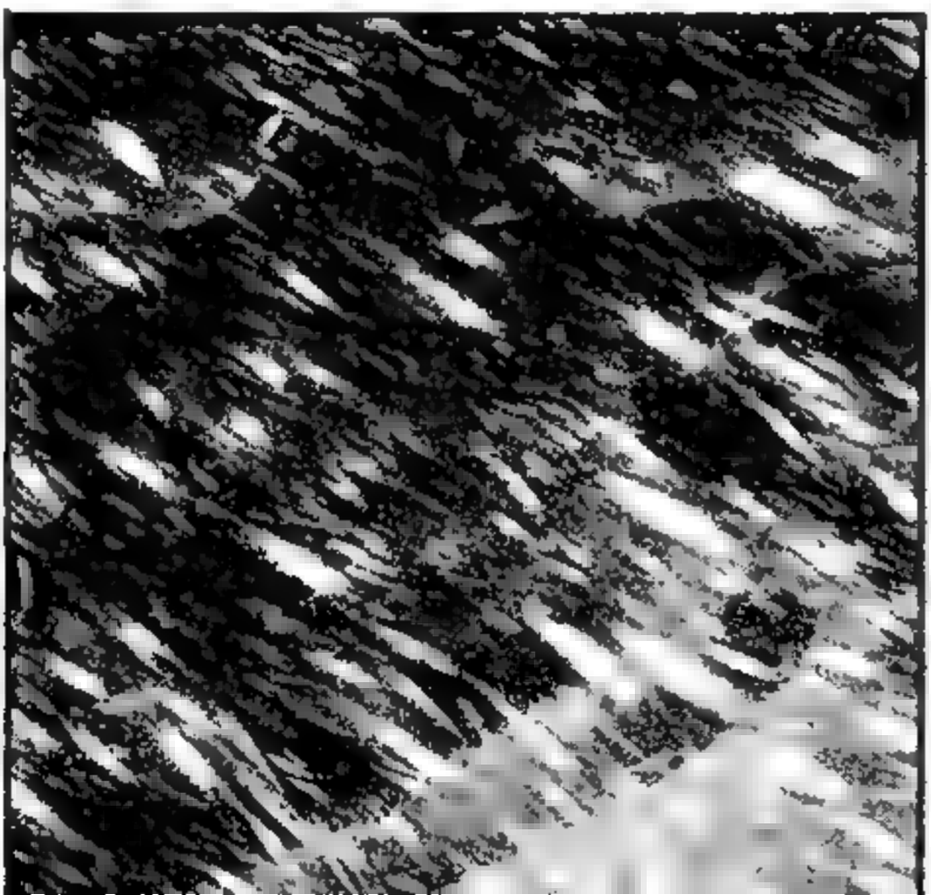
"YOU REALLY HAVE NO SHAME."
"YOU STILL HAVEN'T CHANGED YOUR NAME?"

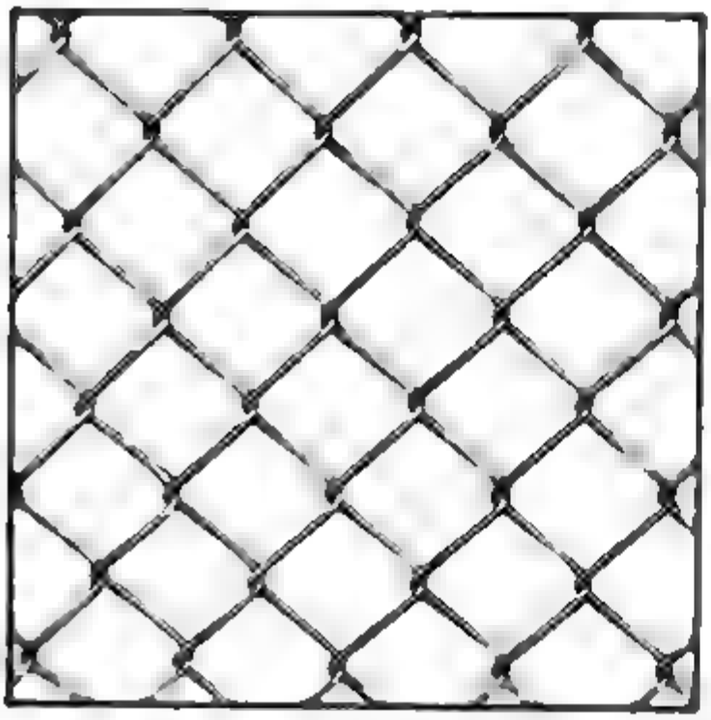
CLIMBED MOUNTAINS..
I SHOULDN'T HAVE

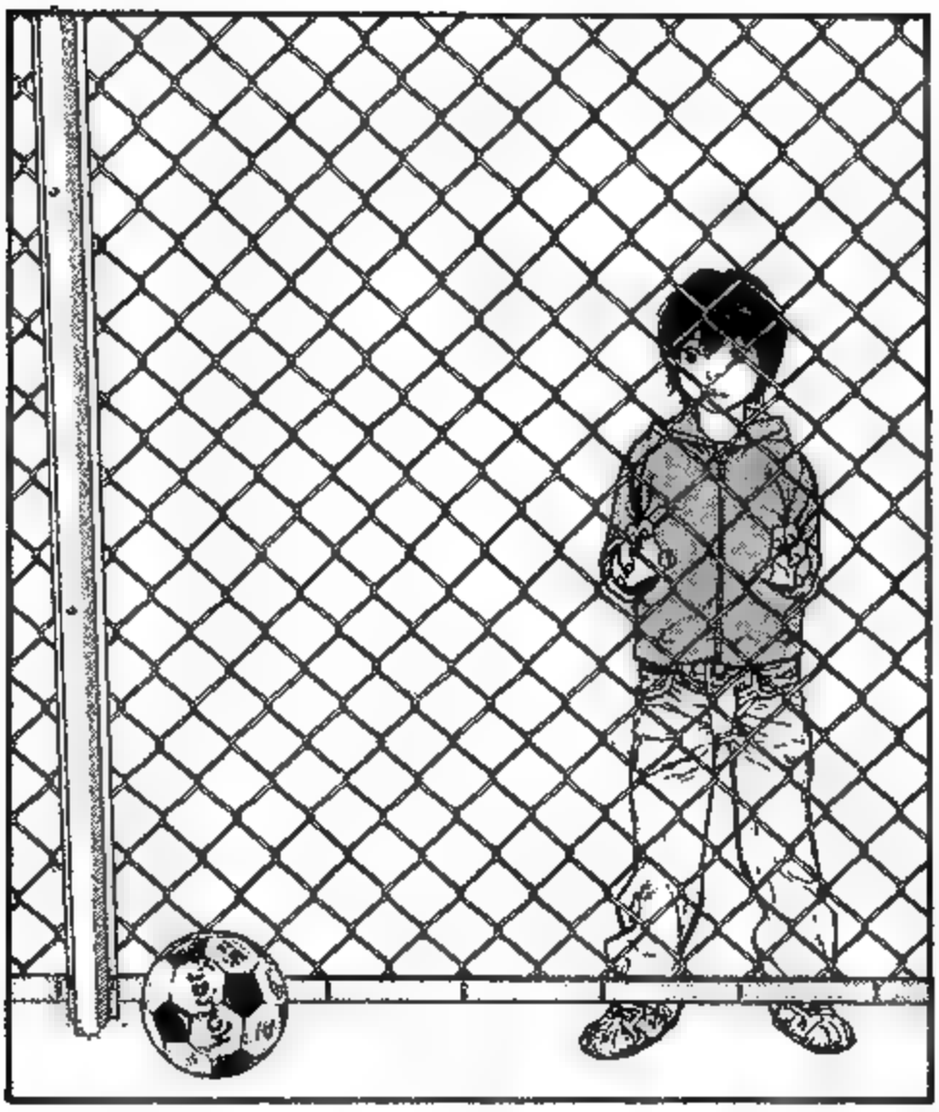

AND CLOSING HIS WINGS, BEGAN TO FALL TO THE GROUND.
NIGHTHAWK HAD LOST ALL HOPE.
WERE ONLY 30 CENTI-METERS FROM THE GROUND.
AND JUST WHEN THOSE WEAK LEGS

AND LIKE WHEN AN EAGLE ATTACKS A BEAR,
NIGHTHAWK SUDDENLY SWUNG HIS BODY AND RUFFLED HIS FEATHERS.

His voice
was just like a hawk's.







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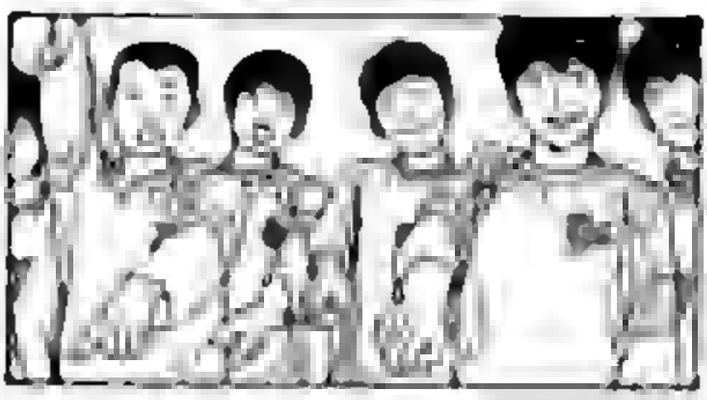
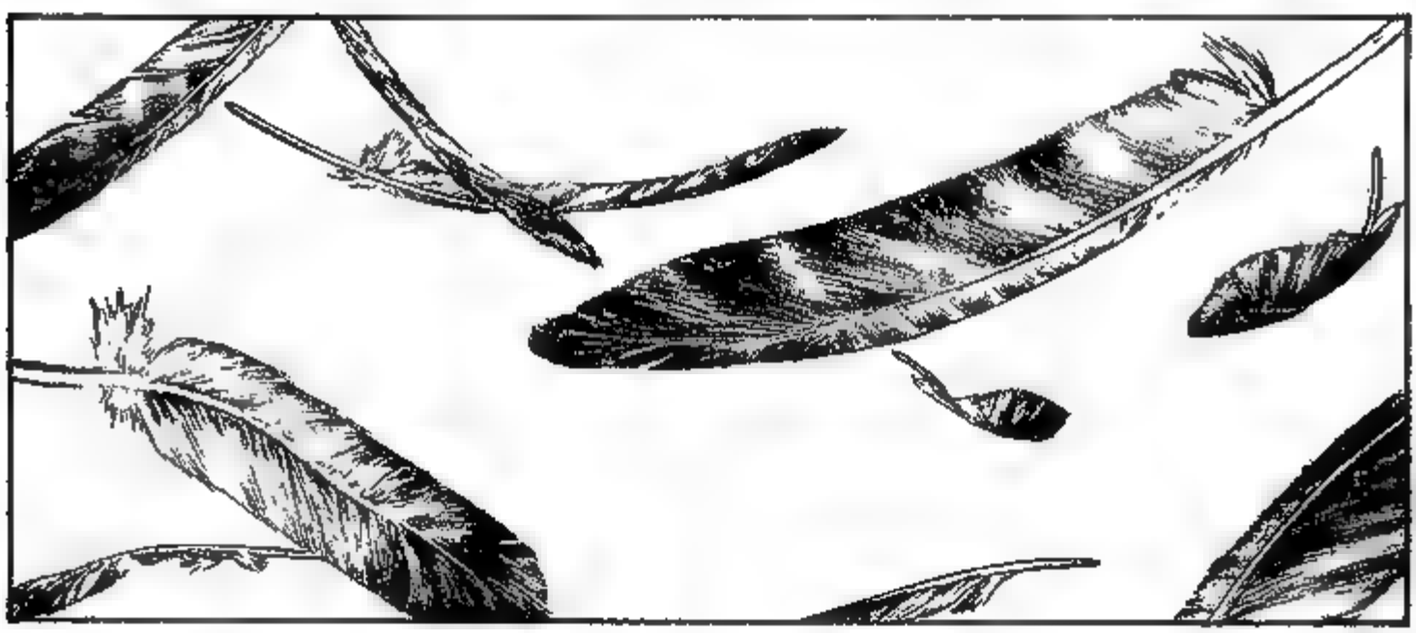
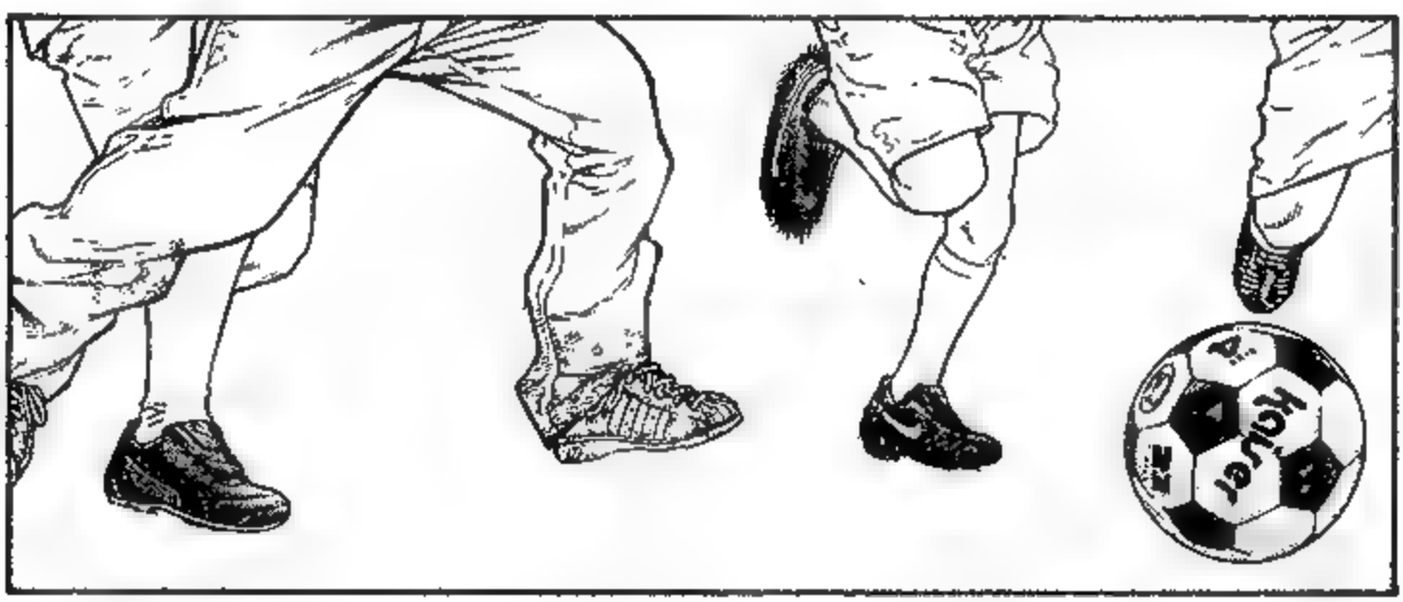


I...

I WANT TO GO IN...





[8] Memento Mori [End]

[人類初8000m峰14座無酸素登頂]

ラインホルト・メスナー

Reinhold Messner

世界に14座ある8000m峰を人類初の全座登頂。しかも「無酸素」、シェルパのサポートも最小限にしながらの偉業だ。20世紀、世界でも最も名を轟かすクライマー、ラインホルト・メスナーの生涯とは!? その実像に迫る。

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ラインホルト・メスナー
1944年9月17日、イタリア生まれ。世界初、前人未踏の多くの記録を残した、20世紀、世界で最も著名なクライマー、アルピニスト。パドヴァ大学建築科を卒業し、一時は数学教師として中学校で教壇に立っていた。1960年代からの20年余りでヨーロッパを始めとする世界各国で500ルート以上の岩壁登攀、開拓及び単独初登攀。1974年アイガー北壁を10時間で攻略するスピード登攀記録更新。1976年マッキンリー南面登攀初登攀など、ヨーロッパアルプスでの輝かしい実績も多数。

ラインホルト・メスナー　8000m峰全座登頂への年譜

1972年	マナスル(8156m)南壁初登攀
1975年	ガッシャーブルムⅠ峰(8068m)登頂。以降、すべてアルパインスタイルでの登攀
1977年	ダウラギリ(8167m)登頂
1978年	エベレスト(8848m)無酸素初登頂、ナンガ・パルバット単独初登頂
1979年	K2(8611m)登頂
1980年	エベレスト単独初登頂
1981年	シシャパンマ(8013m)登頂
1982年	カンチェンジュンガ(8586m)、ガッシャーブルムⅡ峰(8035m)、ブロード・ピーク(8047m)登頂
1983年	チョー・オユー(8201m)登頂
1984年	ガッシャーブルムⅠ峰(8068m)、同Ⅱ峰(8035m)の縦走
1985年	アンナプルナⅠ峰(8091m)、ダウラギリ(8167m)登頂
1986年	マカルー(8462m)、ローツェ(8516m)登頂

ヒマラヤ8000mでの偉業はクライマーとしての高い能力と鍛え上げられた心肺能力あればこそだ。

1986年10月13日、ラインホルト・メスナーはヒマラヤ山脈ローツェ8516mを登頂。この瞬間、世界にある八千m峰14座すべてを登頂した初めての人間となった。しかも14座を「無酸素」で、シェルパなどのサポートも最小限に抑え、人間の〝独力〟に限りなく近いスタイルで成し遂げた。ローツェで達成した全座登頂後、メスナーはこう語った。

「ぼくを支えてくれたもの、かれらはちょうどローツェでぼくをうしろから押してくれた風だった。かれらの好意が得られなかったら、ぼくは精神的に飢えてしまい、どこかでいきづまってしまったろう」（＊1）

八千m峰14座を登り、うちエベレストを含む4座には二度登頂。メスナーは世界でもっとも著名なアルピニストであり、ヒマラヤから大岩壁まで多くの実績を残している。だが、その反面、彼の厳しい倫理を伴った登山への主張を自己顕示と捉える者や、初期の遭難劇の原因を彼に求める向き、八千m峰の連続挑戦に多くのスポンサーの協力を得たことへのヤッカミを含めた非難など、毀誉褒貶にも事欠かない。まさに、様々な逆風の中、成し遂げた偉業だった。

メスナーは1944年、イタリアのドイツ語圏南チロルのフィルネス・フーネスに生まれた。大学は理工学部を出て、中学の数学・体育の教師を勤めながら、ヨーロッパの岩壁を登り、70年にはヒマラヤ山脈ナンガ・パルバットのルパール壁を初登攀した。だが悲劇はこの時起きた。メスナーの弟・ギュンターが予定外の行動でアタックについて来てしまい、登頂後衰弱した弟の安全を考え、登路とは別のディアミール谷側へ下降を余儀なくされる。結果的に八千mの難ルート登攀後、縦走を行なうこととなる。しかし、難場を下降しきった先で、弟は氷雪崩に埋まる悲しい結末を迎えた。一人生き抜いたメスナーは「弟殺し」と世間から言われることになる。また72年、マナスル南壁に挑み、初登攀に成功するも、仲間の一人が遭難。原因は不調なザイル仲間を置いてアタックを続けたことだと非難を受けることになった。絶望的な状況を生き抜いたことを評価する声もあったが、これらの事故は、メスナーの世間的な評価につきまとうことになる。

そして75年、メスナーは自身の登山スタイルを決定づける遠征に参加した。それはリカルド・カシン率いる強力なイタリアのローツェ隊。部隊は高所での登攀に酸素ボンベを用意したが、南壁の裾で雪崩にベースキャンプを潰されるなどの不運もあり、頂上から千m下の位置までしか到達できず、遠征は失敗に終わる。この遠征を最後にメスナーは、荷揚げにシェルパを多用し、酸素を使用する高所登山と決別することを決める。無酸素、そして短期速攻のアルパインスタイルでの高所登山を標榜し、八千m峰を攻略していった。

メスナーの真骨頂は、極限を追求すること。そして何故、どのように極限を追求するか、その論理を明確にして有言実行で実践してきたことだ。

「人工登攀などの技術を使えばどんなに難しいルートでもなんらかの形で乗り越えられる。〝八千mの有酸素〟然り。手段を選ばぬ〝征服アルピニズム〟に対立する〝ズポーツ登山〟というものの考え方が必要だ」このようにメスナーは、74年に出版した著書『第七級 極限の登攀』で、アルピニスト、クライマーの倫理を強く主張した。

「フェアプレーによって難易度の段階は上に向かって開かれていなければならない」、その考えは古典的だが尖鋭。逆にフェアでない手段（この場合、有酸素、大規模な極地法や人工登攀）で成果を求める者からは強い反発を受けることになる。メスナーはこの主張通り、世界でも最高レベルのアルパインクライミングを実践した。困難と同時に単独登攀、そしてアイガー北壁などではスピード登攀の限界も追求。

そして86年、最初の八千m峰、ナンガ・パルバットから16年目で14座登頂を成功させた。登頂後のメッセージはこのように続く。

「これ以上ぼくにたずねないでほしい。それよりも、とにかく山に行き給え。ぼくたち人間は余りにもこたえ過ぎる。毎日変ったこたえを。だが山々はどんな問いにも必ずこたえてくれるだろう」。

フェアに登る、山々に選ばれし者。彼が人類初のヒマラヤ八千m峰全座を登頂し、生きて還ることは多くの先達に予見されていたことだった。

人類初の無酸素登頂、更に初の単独無酸素登頂と世界最高峰では二つの初を成し遂げている。

「山に行き給え。山々はどんな問いにも必ずこたえてくれるだろう。」

ラインホルト　メスナー近影。2008年撮影。自身で購入したイタリアの古城フィミリアーノ城にて。

＊1　東京新聞出版局『生きた、還った　8000m14座完登』より

There are technical terms that appear in "Kokou no Hito".
Here, the terms appearing in volume 8 are explained!!

Ushiro-Tateyama Mountain Range [P6] .....[1]
The Ushiro-Tateyama Mountain Range. In the North Alps that continue from the Sea of Japan, a group of mountains extending the East side of Toyama Prefecture's Kurobe River. It contains mountains such as Mount Shirouma, Mount Goryuu, and Mount Kashimayari. Across the river is the Tateyama Mountain Range where mountains (such as Mount Tsurugi) face it. There are many climbers who call it by the abbreviation "Gotate". Ushiro-Tateyama Mountain Range's North extremity is the Niigata Prefecture's 0-meter above sea level cliff, and it falls into Oyashirazu. Along that mountain ridge is Toyama Prefecture and Niigata Prefecture's prefecture boundary, and it crosses Toyama Prefecture and Nagano Prefecture's boundary as well.

Mount Eboshi [P23] .....[2]
Located in the central region of the Northern Alps, a mountain possessing an obelisk (an oblong pillar shaped rock) shape at its peak. Elevation 2628m. There are many similar shaped mountains called "Eboshi-dake" and "Eboshi Yama" all over Japan.
TL Note: Yama, -San and -Dake are all suffixes that just mean "Mountain" and have no meaning in definition.

Bunatate Ridge [P46] .....[3]
A ridge working as a mountain path from the Shinshu side (East side) Takase Dam to Mount Eboshi. With an elevation difference from the mountain entrance of over 1500m, counted as one of Japan's Three Great Steep Climbs.

Mount Noguchigorou [P68] .....[4]
A mountain on the ridge traversal path between Mount Goryuu and Mount Harinoki.

Mount Harinoki [P71] .....[5]
Extending into the Toyama Prefecture and the Nagano Prefecture, a mountain on the southern point of the Ushiro-Tateyama Mountain Range. Elevation 2821m. The Harinoki Great Snowy Valley one of Japan's Three Great Snowy Valleys.

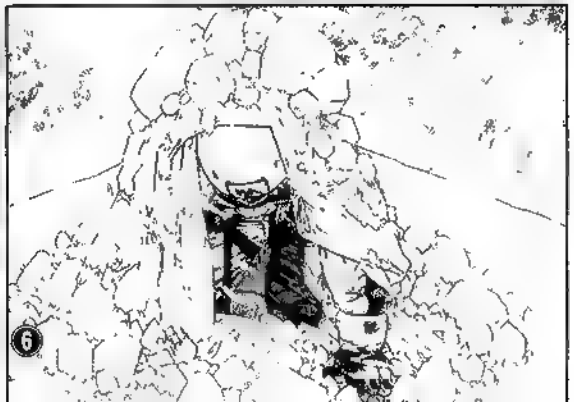
Dugisawa Station [P72]
The starting point station of the Tateyama Kurobe Alpine Route which crosses the Northern Alps. A trolleybus that runs through tunnels, it is linked to the Kurobe dam.

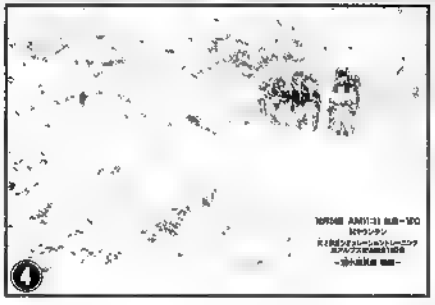
Shinkoshi Ridge [P72]
A ridge going along the Ushiro-Tateyama Mountain Range ridge line starting from Dugisawa going towards Shikoshinokkoshi. It is generally not attached to mountain climbing.

Schrund [P77] .....[6]
A crevasse formed between a snowy valley and a rock wall. They are sometimes used as a camp.

Cyanosis [P94] .....[7]
A condition where a decrease of oxygen in the blood and increase of carbon dioxide, causing skin and mucous membranes to be tinged with a blue-violet color.

Mount Funakubo~Mount Fudou [P111] .....[8]
The mountains on the ridge traversal path between Mount Harinoki and Mount Eboshi. In this segment, the climbing and descending differences in altitudes are big, the slopes are also intense. In winter, important places where you can use stairs or chains in the summer are below the snow, continuing with the nerve wracking rising and descending.





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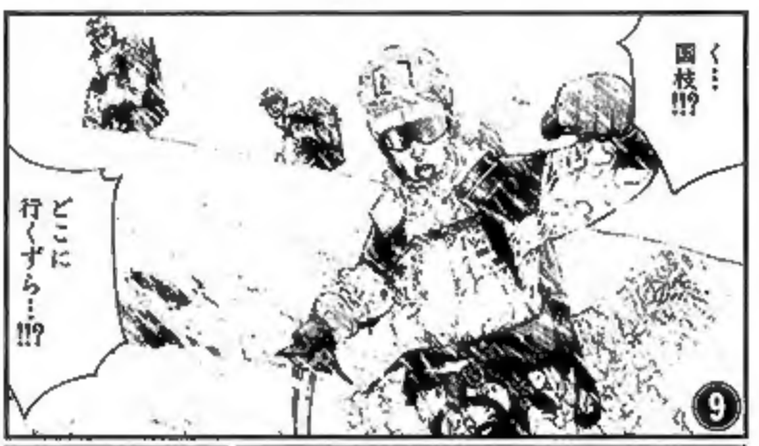
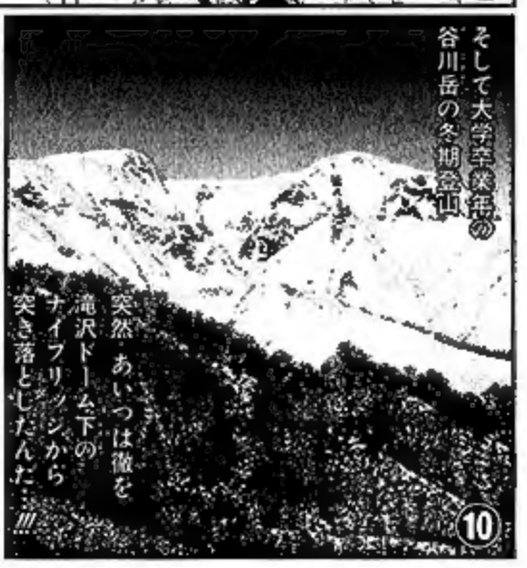
Summer Path [P117] .....[9]
A general climbing path. In winter, because the mountain is covered in snow, routes besides the climbing paths can be climbed, but because climbers are limited to these routes when there is no snow, they are talked about in this way.
Mount Tanigawa [P129] .....[10]
On the border of the Gunma and Niigata Prefectures, one of Japan's 100 famous mountains. The Peaks are called "Toma no Mimi" (Elevation 1977m) and "Oki no Mimi" (Elevation 1963m). The surrounding mountains in general are called the Tanigawa Mountain Range.
Takizawa Dome [P129]
A dome shaped rock wall on the upper part of Mount Tanigawa Ichi no Kura valley.
Knife Ridge [P129]
A ridge where both sides have a sheer rising slope like the shape of a knife blade.
Beacon [P157] .....[11]
For when mountain climbing on snowy mountains or mountain skiing, a small handheld mechanical tool that transmits and receives electronic wave signals for when there is danger of encountering an avalanche. When operating it is usually set to "transmit", when buried in an avalanche, the person searching "receives" the beacon and is able to find the source of the signal.





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